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最近、寒天・こんにゃく・豆乳・青汁
などの健康食に凝っています。
おかげで(？)今のところ、
肩こり・腰痛・腱鞘炎という
マンガ家三大疾病とは
無縁で健康です。(´∀｀*)

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RRRRR...
RING-RRRING!
KAYA, PICK UP THE PHONE!
HELLO, ARE YOU THERE?

RRRR
OKAY, OKAY. I'LL GET IT.
ぬっ
AH, MOGAMI?! IS YAYOI OVER AT YOUR PLACE?!
BAWWK!
HEY, NO NEED TO SHOUT ...
ANYWAY, SHE'S NOT HERE
SHE STILL HASN'T COME HOME!
SHE WAS LATE YESTERDAY, TOO. MAYBE SHE TURNED INTO A DELINQUENT WHILE I WAS GONE FOR THE FIELD TRIP.
HUH?!

YOU'RE OVER-REACTING.
I'M NOT. SHE'S NEVER BROKEN HER CURFEW BEFORE.

BAWK!
NOTHING... BUT MAYBE SHE WAS IN AN ACCIDENT OR WAS KIDNAPPED!
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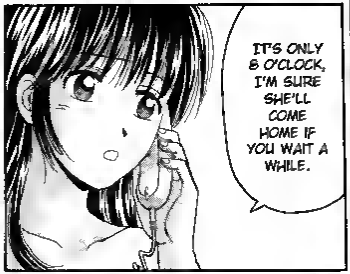
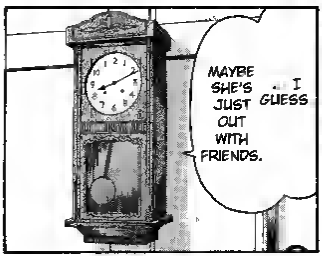

IT'S ONLY 8 O'CLOCK, I'M SURE SHE'LL COME HOME IF YOU WAIT A WHILE.

CALM DOWN. IF THAT REALLY HAPPENED, SOMEONE WOULD CONTACT YOU.

BAWK!
IT'S *ALREADY* 8 O'CLOCK! WHAT IF SHE REALLY DID HAVE AN ACCIDENT?!

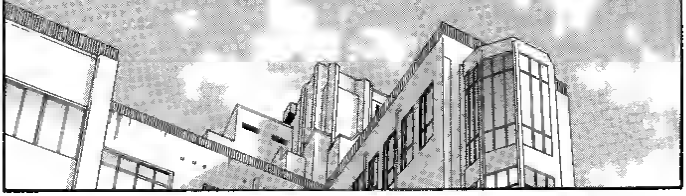

MAYBE SHE'S JUST OUT WITH FRIENDS. I GUESS

AH, SHE'S HOME!
I'M HOOOME!
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT SO-
BAWK!
GIRLS ARE DELI-CATE, YOU KNOW.
ANYWAYS, DON'T BE TOO MAD AT HER WHEN SHE COMES HOME.
BAWK?
DELICATE?
GEEZ.
HEY!
LATER!
プッツ
I WAS OUT HAVING TEA WITH MY FRIENDS, AND IT GOT A LITTLE LATE.
I JUST GOT HOME, WHAT'S UP WITH THE SCARY FACE?
YAYO!

IS IT A GUY?
WHA?
じーっ
WHAT?
IT'S VERY SUSPICIOUS THAT YOU'RE SO FLUSTERED ABOUT IT.
BAWK?!
SEE?
NO WAY, NOT AT ALL!
HEY, YAYOI!
I'M CHANG-ING MY CLOTHES NOW, SO KEEP OUT!
HUH?!
WE WERE IN THE MIDDLE OF A CON-VERSATION HERE! WHAT'S WITH YOUR ATTITUDE?

THESE PICKLES SURE ARE DELICIOUS.
ONII-CHAN, LISTEN..
DON'T TALK EAT.
YOU'RE THE ONE WE HAD TO WAIT FOR.
IT'S NOT LIKE I TOLD YOU TO
TOMOR-ROW YOU'LL COME BACK EARLY!
HAWK.

NONE OF "YOUR" BUSINESS!
AH
WHO'S CALLING?
BAWK
HEY, WE'RE EATING!
BAWK!
AH, EXCUSE ME.
WHA?
AND BESIDES, YOU HAVEN'T EXACTLY BEEN THE QUIET ONE DURING OUR MEALS
NOW, NOW, IT'S JUST THAT AGE.
YOU SHOULD BE HELPING ME OUT HERE



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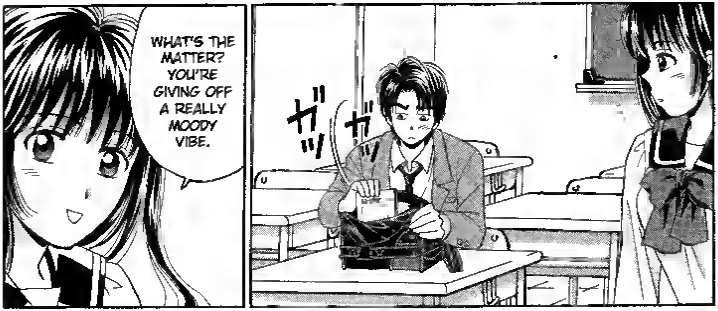
WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOU'RE GIVING OFF A REALLY MOODY VIBE.
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HOW CAN YOU BE SO SURE?
INTUITION. A BROTHER'S INTUITION.
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
2-A
THE REASON WHY YAYOI STAYED OUT SO LATE.
I KNOW IT'S A GUY.

ISN'T THAT COMPLETELY NORMAL?
SHE GOT A CALL ON HER CELL, AND SHE HAPPILY SNUCK AWAY WHISPERING INTO IT.
IT'S 10 YEARS TOO EARLY FOR YAYOI TO BE SEEING ANYONE!
NO WAY!
2-A
YOU'RE STILL HUNG UP ON THAT?
YAYOI'S ALWAYS NICE TO EVERYBODY. WHAT IF SOME WEIRD GUY ENSNARES HER?
IF I DON'T WORRY, THEN WHO WILL?
THAT'S NOT IT AT ALL.
IF YOU DON'T STOP THAT, SHE'LL END UP DISLIKING YOU.
WAIT UP. I'M GOING, TOO.
SURE, I UNDERSTAND. ANYWAYS, I'M OFF. LATER.
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE NOT JUST BEING STUBBORN?

PARCO
HEY,
COULD YOU STAY WITH ME FOR A WHILE?
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EH?
I WANT TO GO SHOP-PING.
SO WHAT DO YOU NEED ME FOR?
AW, COME ON.
PLEASE?
S-SURE

WOW.
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HOW'S THIS?
THAT'S NOT ALL BAD.
REAL-LY?
HELPING PICK OUT CLOTHES FOR YOUR GIRL-FRIEND?
LET'S GO.
WE'LL COME AGAIN LATER.
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HAHA
WE'RE NOTHING LIKE THAT...
EH? NO...

S-SURE DID.
PHEW, THAT SUR-PRISED ME.
BUT WHAT-EVER... BECAUSE OF HER, I'M STARTING TO LIGHTEN UP A BIT
LET'S GO LOOK AT SOME CLOTHES FOR YOU THIS TIME,
I'LL CHOOSE FOR YOU.
HUH? WAIT...
AH!
AH!
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
NOTHING. LET'S GO THIS WAY.
DON'T!
HM?

YAYOI-CHAN'S WITH SOME-ONE ..
WHAT IS THAT?
FOR ALL WE KNOW, HE MIGHT JUST BE A FRIEND.
CALM DOWN.
AS IF I CAN BE CALM ABOUT THIS!
IT'S A BOY-FRIEND, ISN'T IT?
MOGAMI, WHAT DO YOU CALL THAT?!

HEY, DANJOU-KUN.
WHERE'D THEY GO?
CRAP. THEY'RE GONE!
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WHAT AM I DOING HERE?
WHAT?!
I GUESS...
D-DID YOU SEE THAT? THEY'RE HOLDING HANDS!
NO WAY THAT'S JUST A FRIEND!

SHE SEEMS REALLY HAPPY.
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I CAN'T STAND THIS!
WAIT, DANJOU-KUN.
ONII-CHAN!
YAYOI

WHO WAS THAT GUY?
THE ONE YOU WERE HOLDING HANDS WITH.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
EH?
YOU WERE WATCHING?
IS IT A BAD THING THAT SOMEONE SAW YOU?
YOU'RE SO MEAN, SPYING ON ME...
IT'S NOT LIKE I WAS TRYING TO LOOK, WE JUST RAN INTO YOU.
BECAUSE I'M GOING OUT WITH HIM.
NOT AT ALL.

LAST MONTH.
SINCE WHEN?
I KNEW IT...!
WHY HAVEN'T YOU SAID ANYTHING?
SO HE'S THE BAD INFLUENCE THAT'S MAKING YOU STAY OUT LATE?
I WAS PLANNING TO TELL YOU LAST NIGHT, BUT YOU WERE SO MAD THAT YOU WOULDN'T HAVE LISTENED.
PLEASE, HAVE A BIT MORE FAITH IN ME!
STOP SAYING IT LIKE THAT!
SO "THAT GUY" IS NAMED HAYASE, HUH?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY STUFF LIKE THAT. HAYASE-KUN IS A REALLY NICE GUY.

IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN HAVE ANY FAITH IN THIS
THE FACT YOU HID IT FROM ME TELLS ITS OWN STORY.
BE-SIDES, YOU'RE-
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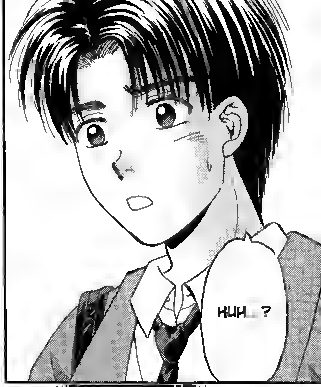
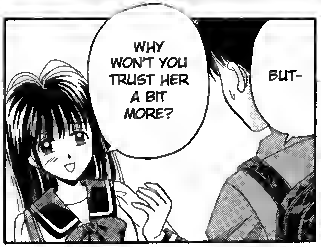
ONII-CHAN, YOU MEANIE.
EH...?
I HATE YOU...

AH, YAYOI!


HUH...?


WHY WON'T YOU TRUST HER A BIT MORE?
BUT-

YOU WENT OVER THE LINE THERE! POOR YAYOI-CHAN.

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BAW-BAWWK!
Please don't come looking for me. -Yayoi
"PLEASE DON'T COME LOOKING FOR ME"...?
WHAT DOES SHE THINK SHE'S DOING?!
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SHE COULDN'T BE AT *HIS* PLACE, COULD SHE?!
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BAWK!
IS THAT YOU, YAYOI?!
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AH, DANJOU-KUN?
OH, NOGAMI. SORRY, BUT NOW'S NOT A GOOD TIME. I'M KIND OF BUSY...
SHE CAME HERE.
EH?
YAYOI-CHAN CAME OVER HERE
HUH?! TO YOUR PLACE?!
BAW-WK!
YUP. SHE'S HAVING TEA WITH KAYA RIGHT NOW
DAMN HER.
I'M COMING OVER RIGHT NOW.
HOLD IT. I THINK IT'S BETTER IF SHE STAYS HERE TODAY.
HUH? WHY?!

IF SHE CAME HOME RIGHT NOW, YOU'D ONLY GET IN A FIGHT. WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER IF YOU BOTH COOLED DOWN A BIT?
WE'RE FINE WITH HAVING HER STAY HERE
OKAY THEN I'LL LEAVE HER TO YOU
HAWK
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YAYOI, WHERE ARE YOU!?
YAYOI!
YAYOI!
SHE PROMISED WE'D GO SHOPPING, BUT MAMA'S-
MAMA'S NOT HERE.
THERE YOU ARE. I WAS WORRIED
ONII-CHAN...

MAMA'S NOT HERE ANY-MORE.
LET'S GO HOME.
I DON'T WANT TO. SHE PROMISED TO GO SHOP FOR CLOTHES WITH ME!
MAMA WOULD NEVER BREAK HER PROMISE.
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YAYOI ...
ONII-CHAN!
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BAWK ?
BUT I NEVER THOUGHT I'D BE THE ONE TO MAKE HER CRY.
I PROMISED MYSELF SHE WOULD NEVER HAVE TO CRY LIKE THAT AGAIN.

IT'S NOT SO MUCH THE FACT THAT SHE HAD A BOYFRIEND
I THINK IT'S BECAUSE SHE HID IT FROM ME THAT I WAS SHOCKED
SIGH
HM?
U NEE THE BEST

YOU'RE STILL AWAKE?
AH... YOU CAN'T SLEEP EITHER, YAYOI-CHAN?
NAH —
WELL THEN, LET'S HAVE SOME HERBAL TEA IT'S VERY GOOD.
THERE WE GO.
THIS TEA ALSO NAS A CALMING EFFECT
THANK YOU VERY MUCH
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ARE YOU STILL MAD AT DANJOU-KUN?
NOT REALLY MAD, BUT IT WAS KIND OF A SHOCK.
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I MEAN...
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HE SAID HE COULDN'T TRUST ME!
DO I SEEM LIKE THAT KIND OF A BAD GIRL?
NO, NO. NOT AT ALL
SEE? I WONDER WHY MY BROTHER HAS TO BE SO STUB-BORN!
Y-YEAH

THE NEXT MORNING.

GOOD MORNING, MAKI-SAN
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HRM-MM...
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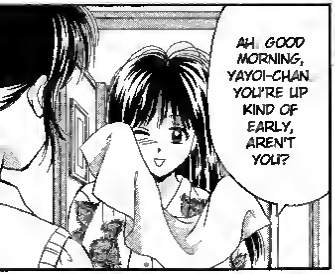
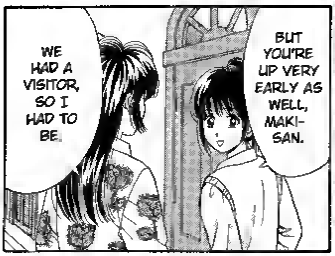
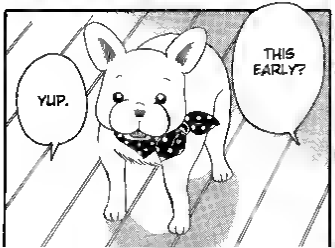

AH, GOOD MORNING, YAYOI-CHAN. YOU'RE UP KIND OF EARLY, AREN'T YOU?


WE HAD A VISITOR, SO I HAD TO BE.
BUT YOU'RE UP VERY EARLY AS WELL, MAKI-SAN.

WE GET UP REALLY EARLY AT HOME. JUST A HABIT.


THIS EARLY?
YUP.

THE VISITOR CAME WITH A BENTO!
EH?
NO WAY...
IS IT FROM ONII-CHAN?
YEAH. I BET HE WAS VERY WORRIED ABOUT YOU.
DOES HE THINK HE CAN GET ON MY GOOD SIDE WITH THIS?
I WON'T BE FOOLED THAT EASILY.
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WHAT'S THE MATTER ?
THIS ONIGIRI...
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YAYOI-CHAN?
DANJOU-KUN DID?
BACK WHEN WE WERE HOME ALONE TO-GETHER,
HE OFTEN MADE ONIGIRI FOR US
YEAH, PAPA WAS REALLY BUSY.
AND MAMA WASN'T THERE ANY-MORE....
YEAH!
YOU LIKE 'EM?
BUT WHEN WE ATE THEM TOGETHER, SOMEHOW, IT WAS SO TASTY I WANTED TO CRY.
THE SHAPES WERE ALWAYS A COM-PLETE MESS,
AND THEY WERE TOO SALTY.

MAKI-SAN. YOU KNOW, THIS...
HM?
TO ME, THIS IS THE BEST ONIGIRI IN THE WHOLE WORLD
I SEE!
I REALLY LOVE THEM,
THE ONIGIRI THAT MY ONII-CHAN MAKES.
YEAH...
DANJOU-KUN'S THE ONE WHO CARES AND WORRIES ABOUT YOU MOST OF ALL

EVEN THOUGH HE'S A BIT ANNOYING SOMETIMES, HAVING SOMEONE WHO CARES ABOUT YOU THAT MUCH...
THAT'S SOMETHING TO BE HAPPY ABOUT.
SEE YOU LATER, SUMIRE. MAKE SURE TO KEEP THE HOUSE SAFE.
BAWK!
BAWK!
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BAWK! BAWK!
HM?
YAYOI...
UHM... THAT BENTO
Y-YEAH...

EH?
I'M REALLY SORRY, ONII-CHAN.
AND I JUST WANTED TO TELL YOU,
THANK YOU!

BAWK?
SO, YOU'LL BE COMING HOME EARLY TODAY?
S-SURE.
SURE!
WELL THEN, WANT TO MAKE SOME SUKIYAKI LATER? THE LAST TIME WE HAD IT WAS A LONG TIME AGO
YEAH.
FROM NOW ON, I PROMISE I WON'T HIDE ANYTHING EVER AGAIN
YEAH? OKAY.
BAWK?
BECAUSE I REALLY WANT TO DATE PROPERLY.

EH?!
SO THIS TIME I'M GOING TO INTRODUCE HAYASE-KUN TO YOU.
NO WAY, WHY DO I HAVE TO MEET HIM AND ALL?!
HEY, DON'T JUST DECIDE WHAT I'M PROMISING!
OKAY, I'M OFF! LATER!
YOU PROMISE, RIGHT? I'LL TELL HAYASE-KUN ABOUT IT.
BAWWK!
I AM *NOT* GOING TO MEET WITH HIM! HEY! ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?!
YAYOI

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Check 62 : The Confession From Half a Year Ago

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THE AUTUMN TOURNAMENT IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER, ISN'T IT, SEMPAI?
YUP.
LET'S PRACTICE TOGETHER UNTIL THEN, I'LL RESERVE THE COURT.
T-THANKS, BUT THAT'S A BIT MUCH..
AH!
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THE BASKETBALL TEAM IS WORKING AT IT, TOO.
MAYBE HARUNA'S IN THERE
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HARUNA'S TRAINING TOGETHER WITH A GUY?!
I'SEE...
2-A
G'MORN -ING!
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MYO!
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G'MORNING!
GOOD MORNING
HARUNA,
WHO'S THE BOY YOU WERE TRAINING WITH, HMMM?
...WHAT'S UP?
EH? YOU WERE WATCHING?
YOU SHOULD HAVE JUST SAID HELLO!
DIDN'T SEEM LIKE THE RIGHT ATMOSPHERE TO BE BARGING IN ON YOU TWO...
ずいっ
SO?
わくわく
WHO IS HE? WHO IS HE?
HIS NAME'S AZUMA KOUJI.
HE'S ON THE SAME BASKET-BALL TEAM, IN THE FIRST YEAR'S GROUP.
IS THAT ALL? I HEARD THERE WAS QUITE THE CHEM-ISTRY...

I FIRST MET HIM AT THE FINALS OF THE JUNIOR HIGH 3RD YEAR COMPETITION
HE CAME THERE TO CHEER FOR THE OTHER TEAM.
2-A
...AND NOW WE'VE MET AGAIN, HERE IN THE HIGH SCHOOL'S BASKETBALL CLUB.
REALLY? SOUNDS DRAMATIC. ☆
DON'T YOU MIND THAT HE'S A YEAR YOUNGER?
DON'T BE SILLY, IT'S JUST A SEMPAI-KOUHAI RELATIONSHIP.
HAS THERE BEEN ANY CONFESSION? ♥
HM? SURE, THERE WAS.
WHAT ?!

AND WHAT'D YOU SAY?
HUH?
MAYBE YOU'RE ALREADY GOING OUT?
I TURNED HIM DOWN
GEE, NOT AT ALL.
WHAT?!
WHY? WHY'D YOU DO THAT?!
WHAT A WASTE.
NOW, NOW, DON'T PUT IT LIKE "THAT"...
BUT WEREN'T YOU PRACTICING WITH HIM THIS MORNING?
YOU SEEMED TO BE GETTING ALONG GREAT TOGETHER.
NO GUY WHO WAS DUMPED WOULD DO THAT.
IT'S NOTHING LIKE THAT AT ALL.
WE SIMPLY HAVE THE SAME INTEREST IN BASKETBALL.

HE'S OKAY WITH IT.
SO WE'RE JUST HANGING OUT.
HMM? COULD THAT BE POSSIBLE?
I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO HANDLE IT. TOO AWKWARD.
ARE YOU HAVING A LOVE-LECTURE THIS MORNING?
HOW PEPPY.
HEY, WHY'RE YOU EAVES-DROPPING ON US?
YOU'RE THE LOUD ONES, THAT'S WHY.
YAMATO, WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO PRACTICE IN THE MORNING WITH A GIRL YOU WERE JUST DUMPED BY?
RIGHT IN THE MORNING WOULD BE A BIT MUCH.
I'M NOT LIKE YOU GUYS, FAWNING OVER EVERY-THING ALL DAY.
HARUNA, SOMEONE'S HERE LOOKING FOR YOU

SEMPAI! YOU FORGOT SOME-THING.
OH
THANKS FOR THE TROUBLE
NAH, NO BIGGIE.
SO THAT'S THE GUY, EH?
MYO?
SEE YOU AGAIN NEXT PRACTICE.
SURE.
THEY REALLY *ARE* TALKING TO EACH OTHER NATU-RALLY.
YEAH.

KUH!
UOOH HH!
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WOO-OW.
ALL RIGHT!
NICE ONE!
IT SEEMS LIKE THAT FIRST YEAR HAS IMPROVED A LOT LATELY.
EVER SINCE HE JOINED, THE BOYS' TEAM HAS CHANGED.
IF THINGS GO ON LIKE THIS, THEY HAVE A GOOD CHANCE IN THE FIRST ROUND OF THE PRELIMINARIES.
AZUMA IS WORKING HARD.
HE'S A YEAR YOUNGER, BUT STILL PRETTY COOL.
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GOOD WORK.
SEE YOU TOMOR-ROW.

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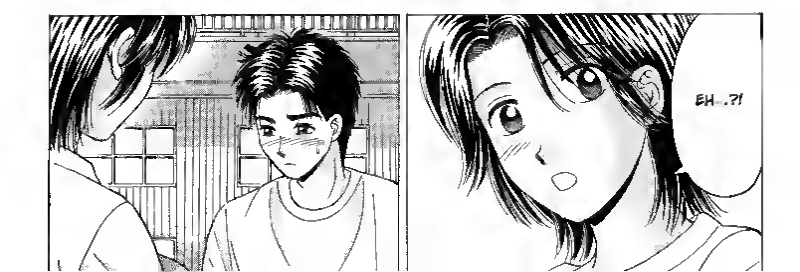
NICE SHOT!
YOU'RE STAYING BEHIND? ENTHUSIASTIC, I SEE.
YOU'RE AZUMA FROM FIRST YEAR, RIGHT?

* THE LITERAL TRANSLATION OF THIS DOESN'T HAVE AN ENGLISH EQUIVALENT. THINK OF IT AS A LESS DIRECT WAY OF ASKING SOMEONE OUT, HENCE THE MISUNDERSTANDING.



HM?!
SURE!
UHM...
I DIDN'T MEAN IT LIKE THAT...
SURE, WE CAN SHOOT SOME HOOPS.
O-OKAY!
...AND THAT WAS HALF A YEAR AGO...
DON'T JUST STAND THERE!
TIME'S RUNNING!

HA!
UHM...
HI THERE,
ARE YOU, PERHAPS, DANJOU-SAN?
HM? YOU KNOW ABOUT ME?
ISN'T THAT REI'S-
BA-WK.
EH?

BA-WK?
UHM...
I'M AZUMA, A FIRST YEAR STUDENT.
I AM PART OF THE BAS-KETBALL TEAM.
BA-WK ...
IS THAT SO?
OF COURSE YOU'RE FAMOUS.
ANYONE OVER AT SCHOOL WHO DOESN'T KNOW YOU IS LIVING UNDER A ROCK
キュポ
SO HOW IS IT HAVING TONE-SEMPAI IN YOUR CLASS?
HM?
FINE, I GUESS SHE'S AN ENER-GETIC ONE
ANYONE SPECIAL SHE'S FRIENDS WITH?
HUH? WHY DON'T YOU JUST ASK HER YOURSELF ?

I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT. I WAS SIMPLY WONDERING WHAT MIGHT WIN HER OVER.
YOU MEAN YOU'RE STILL IN LOVE WITH HER?
DIDN'T YOU GET REJECTED?
NICE WAY TO PUT IT.
OH SORRY, A BIT RUDE...
... AW, GEEZ.
BA-WK?
... I *DO* STILL LIKE HER.
AND SINCE IT SEEMS SHE DOESN'T HAVE A BOY-FRIEND,
I WON'T GIVE UP HOPE.
BUT YOU KNOW...
BAWK

AS LONG AS I CAN HELP, I'M HAPPY EVEN IF IT'S AS A REGULAR KOUHAI!
I'M FINE WITH JUST SUPPORT-ING HER.
SHE HAS A LOT ON HER MIND WITH THE AUTUMN COMPETITION!
IT'S FINE!
HMM...
IF THERE'S ANYTHING I HAVE FAITH IN, IT'S MY WILL-POWER.
AFTER SCHOOL
WATCH THAT MARKING!
OVER HERE, PASS!

GOOD JOB.
FIGHT, TONE-SEMPAI!
NICE SHOT!
GO!

LET'S GO FOR ANOTHER!
YEAH!
GREAT!
SHE ALWAYS HAS THAT GREAT FIGHTING SPIRIT
SHE PROBABLY CAN'T EVEN HEAR ME
OVER HERE, OVER HERE!
YOU'RE LATE WITH THE COVER!
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HM?
DAN-JOU-KUN, WAIT UP!
EH?
ARE YOU FREE TOMOR-ROW?
WHAT IS IT THIS TIME? NOTHING BORING, OKAY?
LISTEN-ING TO YOU NEVER DOES ME ANY GOOD.
OW!
WHEN HAVE I EVER CAUSED YOU TROUBLE? I BELIEVE IT'S THE OTHER WAY AROUND.
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JUST THE FIRST ROUND, BUT STILL.
TOMORROW HARUNA'S GOT A GAME IN THE AUTUMN COMPETITION
WHATEVER. SO, WHAT IS IT?
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EH? TONE'S HAVING A GAME, HUH?
KOJIME, TAMANAMI-KUN AND THE GANG SAID THEY'D BE THERE.
WANT TO GO THERE TOGETHER?
SHE'S REALLY INTO THIS ONE, SO SHE'LL BE GREAT.
I REALIZED SOMETHING. I HAVE ACTUALLY NEVER SEEN HER PLAY FOR REAL.
SURE!
LET'S MEET IN FRONT OF THE TRAIN STATION AT 12 O'CLOCK
OKAY.
COUNT ME IN!
SHE *DID* COME AND CHEER AT ONE OF MY FIGHTS.

AZABU
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National high school district preliminary basketball competition grounds
COME ON, EVERY-ONE!
AZABU
AZABU
AZABU
HARUNA, GIVE IT YOUR ALL!
FIGHT!
FIGHT!
Go, Azabu high school!
7!
7!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, HARUNA?
AH, IT'S NOTHING.
WE'RE GOING TO WIN THIS!
AZABU
YEAH!
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HARUNA, GO STRAIGHT ON IN!
OKAY!
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THERE IT GOES! HARUNA'S ZERO DEGREE SHOT!
THE FIRST POINT IS OURS!
AZABU
7

IT MISSED!
OH NO!
DON'T WORRY, THE GAME'S JUST STARTED.
MAYBE SHE'S NERVOUS?
AH!
HARU-NA!
BAM!

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GO!
WHAT'S THE MATTER, HARUNA..?
SORRY, I CAN'T SEEM TO GET INTO IT.
DON'T WORRY, AND TAKE IT EASY!
YOU WILL GET BACK INTO IT!
WHAT'S HAPPENING? NOTHING'S WORKING AS IT SHOULD BE
!!!
YOU CAN DO IT!
HARUNA!
ZABU
7
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Go, Azabu high school!

WHY DOESN'T ANYTHING WORK?
KUH!
!!
SEMPAI!

AZABU
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EH?!
KUH!
GO!

NICE ONE!
THERE YOU GO! GO ON LIKE THAT!
AZUMA...
Y-YEAH.
YAY! HARUNA'S BACK TO HER USUAL FORM.

THIS VOICE IS ALWAYS BESIDE ME.
I CAN HEAR IT!
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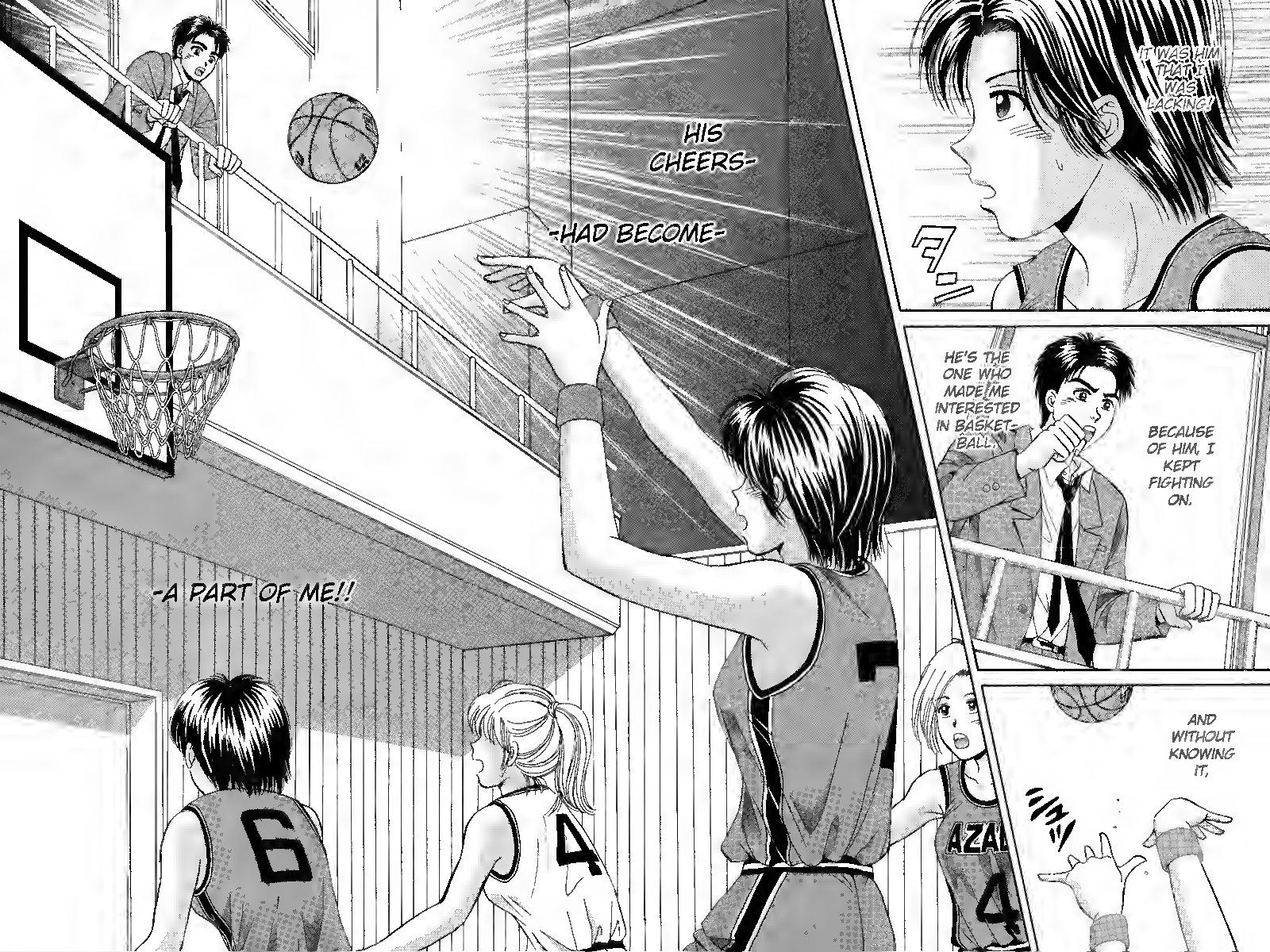
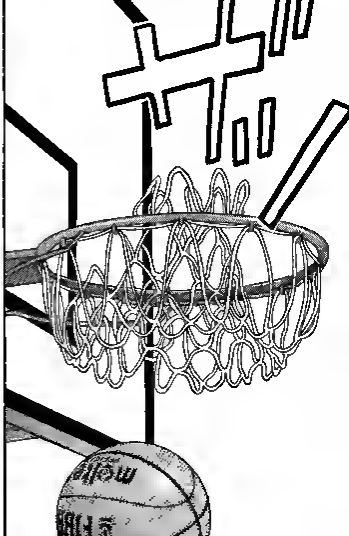
SL-77
HIS VOICE IS THE ONLY THING I CAN HEAR.
SHOOT!
IN THE MIDDLE OF ALL THIS SHOUTING,
TONE-SEMPAI!
HARUNA, ATTACK!
WHO KNOWS? BEATS ME.
IS THAT FIRST YEAR GUY THE REASON SHE GOT BACK ON TRACK, PERHAPS?
LEAVE IT TO ME!
OH, NOW I SEE...


HIS CHEERS-
-HAD BECOME-
-A PART OF ME!!
IT WAS HIM THAT I WAS LACKING!
HE'S THE ONE WHO MADE ME INTERESTED IN BASKET-BALL.
BECAUSE OF HIM, I KEPT FIGHTING ON.
AND WITHOUT KNOWING IT,

NICE!



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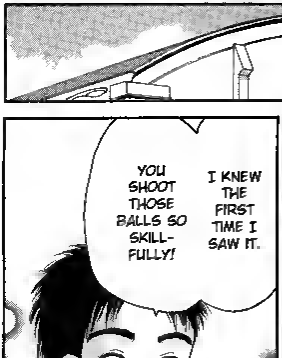
YOU SHOOT THOSE BALLS SO SKILL-FULLY!
I KNEW THE FIRST TIME I SAW IT.
YOU DO!

LOOK, SEE?
SORRY FOR BEING LATE
I FELL DOWN IN THE TRAIN ON THE WAY OVER HERE.
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...EH?
ALL BECAUSE YOU CAME.
HEY... THAT THING WE TALKED ABOUT BEFORE, IS IT STILL OKAY TO RESPOND?
WHAT WE TALKED ABOUT HALF A YEAR AGO, IN THE GYMNASIUM
THAT THING?
WHICH?
IF I SAID "OKAY,"
WHAT WOULD YOU THINK?
OH...

WHAT? YOU MEAN..
SEMPAI!
THIS TIME I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT PRACTICING!
SO YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT "THAT"?!
DON'T AVOID THE QUESTION!
ALL RIGHT, I'M GOING TO WIN THIS TOURNA-MENT!
FIIIGHT!

[END]

OPEN SESAME

Check 63 - The Effect is " Doubts " ?!

ブオオ
ON DANKA-SAN'S INVITATION, MY FAMILY, MOGAMI, AND KAYA-CHAN WENT ON A TRIP TO THE HOT SPRINGS.
THIS GRAPE FLAVORED POCKY IS YUMMY.
MOGAMI, LOOK WE CAN SEE THE OCEAN
BA-WWK! ♫
YUM.
CHEW
SURE THING, GIMME SOME! ♥
MAKI-SAN, WANT SOME CURRY POTATO CHIPS?

DIDN'T YOU EAT JUST A LITTLE WHILE AGO?
BAWK ♡
YOU NEVER GROW TIRED OF SWEETS, RIGHT?
YEP, THAT'S RIGHT.
ALL SWEETS? WITH THAT KIND OF STOMACH YOU MUST BE A COW...
BA-WK.
HERE YOU GO.
パキッ
DANJOU-KUN, DO YOU WANT SOME CANDY TOO?
EH?
O-OKAY, IF YOU SAY SO...
OKAY, OPEN WIDE.

W-WHAT?!
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W-WHAT?!
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YAMATO-SAN IS SO SILLY
ONII-CHAN, YOU'RE SO GULLIBLE
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AS IF I WOULD EVER
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SORRY FOR COMING THEN, TOO BAD I WAS INVITED!
OJI-SAMA, WE'RE REALLY GRATEFUL THAT YOU INVITED BOTH OF US
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OH SHUT UP. IT WOULD'VE BEEN BETTER IF YOU WERE NEVER INVITED

ブオオ
NAH, IT'S NOTHING SPECIAL...
IT'S ALL BECAUSE YOU TAKE SUCH GOOD CARE OF YAMATO AND YAYOI EVERY DAY.
I WAS A BIT UNCERTAIN WHEN YAYOI INVITED THE TWO OF THEM.
YOU SEEM TO BE HAVING FUN, SO IT'S FINE
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I GUESS IT'S ALRIGHT
BUT IF MOGAMI REALLY IS THIS HAPPY
THE INN

IT HAS A NICE ATMO-SPHERE.
YOU CAN REALLY FEEL ITS HISTORY.
WOW... HOW PRETTY!
IT'S SO SPACIOUS!
THE TATAMI MATS SMELL NICE
HEY NOW, WATCH YOUR MANNERS.
'KAAY!

EH?
BA-WK?
DANJOU-KUN, DON'T YOU THINK THE SEA IS PRETTY?
I'LL POUR US SOME TEA.
AH, THERE ARE MANJU.
YEAH, YOU CAN.
AND THE WAVES ARE VERY GENTLE
YOU CAN SEE THE HORIZON SINCE THE WEATHER IS SO CLEAR.
THE SEA BREEZE FEELS SO NICE.
KNOCK, KNOCK!
AH, COME IN!

I AM SURE WE WILL.
HAWK ♡
OPEN
WELCOME, AND WE HOPE YOU WILL ENJOY YOUR STAY.
WAHH! THEY'RE SO CUTE!
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO PICK ANY ONE YOU PREFER.
WE HAVE KIMONOS FOR ALL THE FEMALE GUESTS, AS PART OF THE SERVICE
KYA!
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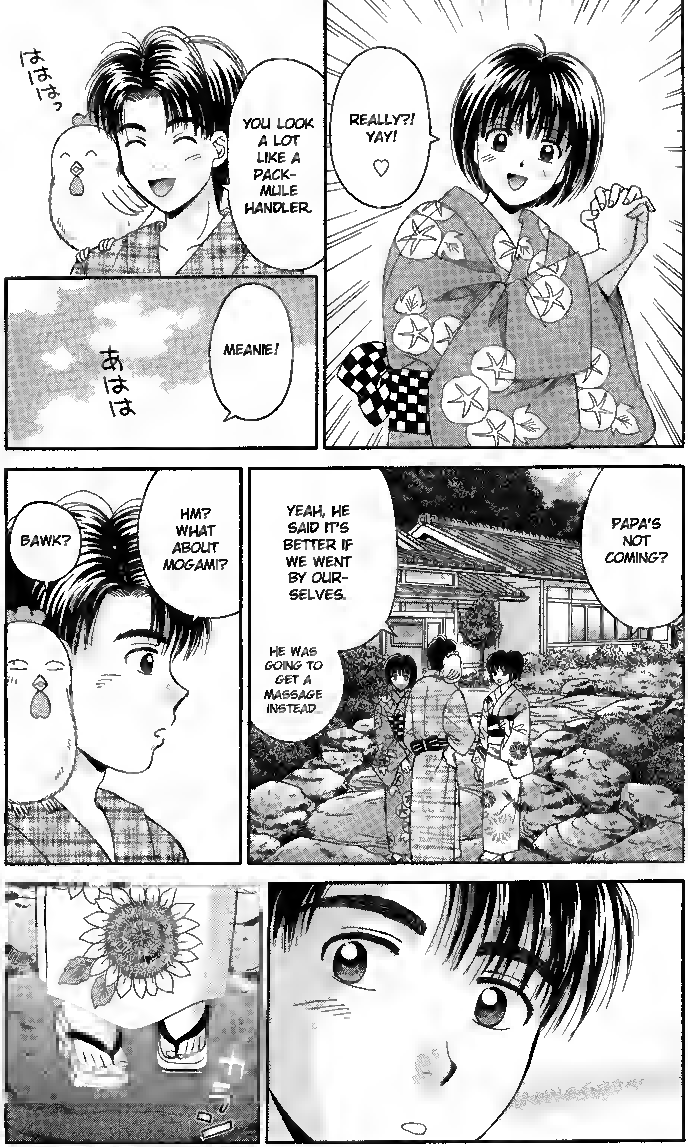
WELL THEN, PLEASE MAKE YOURSELVES FEEL AT HOME
W-WATCH OUT...

ARE YOU OKAY?
THANK YOU VERY MUCH
NOT A PROBLEM
WELL THEN
HMMM ?
THAT WAS KIND
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
BA-WK?

N-NOT AT ALL!
BA-AW-WK!
ISN'T SHE YOUR TYPE?
HUH? YOU TOOK IT SERIOUSLY? YOU'RE ALL RED.
ONEE-CHAN, LET'S GO TO THE HOT SPRINGS STREET.
YEAH, I WANT TO TRY OUT THIS YUKATA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
EVEN THOUGH SHE'S ABOUT THE SAME AGE AS US, SHE IS WORKING HERE.
PROBABLY A PART-TIMER.
I SEE
SURE, LET'S GO
BAWK ♡

WHAT'S TAKING THEM SO LONG?
BA-AWK
SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WAIT, ONII-CHAN.
YOU'RE LATE!
OH?
WE'RE SORRY, IT TOOK A WHILE TO PUT THIS ON
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE YUKATAS?
EHH?
THEY'RE VERY NICE.
BAWK. ♡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YOU LOOK A LOT LIKE A PACK-MULE HANDLER.
MEANIE!
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REALLY?! YAY! ♡
PAPA'S NOT COMING?
YEAH, HE SAID IT'S BETTER IF WE WENT BY OUR-SELVES.
HE WAS GOING TO GET A MASSAGE INSTEAD.
HM? WHAT ABOUT MOGAMI?
BAWK?
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BAWK.
OH?
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SORRY FOR BEING LATE.
EH? IS SOME-THING WRONG?
YOU GUESS...?
BAWK ♡
NAH. YOU LOOK GOOD.
IT FITS YOU WELL, I GUESS
BAWK ♡
UHM, I MEAN, YOU'RE WEARING IT WELL... YEAH
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OKAY.
'KAY.
LET'S GO THEN
I REALLY MEAN IT...
HM?
MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE SHE PUT HER HAIR UP
BUT SHE LOOKS VERY SEXY...
BAWK...
AH, NAH..
IT SMELLS LIKE SULFUR
HOW COOL, THERE'S STEAM COMING OUT FROM EVERYWHERE.

ONEE-CHAN, WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME WITH US TO THE OCEAN?
SURE, I'LL MEET UP WITH YOU LATER.
BE CAREFUL, DON'T GET WASHED AWAY BY THE WAVES.
BA-WK
WE'RE NOT AS CLUMSY AS *YOU*
SEE YOU LATER!
YEAH, LATER
YEAH
BA-WK
THE TWO OF THEM ARE REALLY CLOSE FRIENDS, DON'T YOU THINK?
BA-WK?
ANYWAYS, SHALL WE GO?
WANT TO GO TO THE GIFT SHOP?
EH? WHY? ISN'T THAT SUPPOSED TO BE DONE BEFORE YOU GO HOME?

BUT YOU CAN DO THAT ANYWHERE. WE'RE IN THE SIGHT-SEEING AREA ANYWAY, SO WHY NOT CHECK THE STORES OUT?
NOT AT ALL! THIS IS WHEN WE SHOULD TRY OUT THE LOCAL GAMES!

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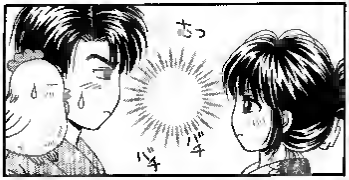
LOOK, THERE'S SOME TARGET PRACTICE GAMES OVER THERE, WANNA GO TRY?
BAWK.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WHO IS?
BAW-WK.
WHATEVER, I'LL GO ALONE THEN YOU'RE SO STUBBORN

I'LL BE PLAYING SOME GAMES!
... YOU HEAR THAT? I'M GOING NOW

BAH! SHE'S SO SELFISH SOME-TIMES
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BAWK っ
ALL RIGHT THEN, MOGAMI
SWOOP
WHAT?
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AT LEAST ONCE, SHE COULD-
SHE REALLY DID LEAVE...

HEY,
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OH I CAN'T, I'M RATHER BUSY.
WANT TO HAVE SOME COFFEE? OUR TREAT.
DID YOU WAIT LONG?
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PAWK
YOU SEEMED TO BE HAVING SOME TROUBLE, HM?
WE'LL LEAVE YOU TO HIM, THEN
OH, SO YOU'RE HERE WITH YOUR BOY-FRIEND

HM?
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YOU WERE LATE!
W-WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!
BABAWK ?!
I'M GOING.
H-HEY, GOING WHERE?! I'M-
WHY YOU...
YOU SHOULD'VE JUST COME WITH ME IN THE FIRST PLACE SO I WOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO GO THROUGH THAT.
YOU HAVE SOME NERVE

TO THE TARGET PRACTICE
THAT'S WHAT YOU WANTED, RIGHT?
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A LITTLE BIT MORE TO THE RIGHT.
LIKE THAT?

DID YOU SEE THAT?!
YAY! NICE SHOT!
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I-IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!
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GAWK
EH?
YOUR BOY-FRIEND HAS SOME SKILLS

AH... THIS FEELS SO NICE..
THEY SAY THIS SPRING HAS A HEALTHY EFFECT ON YOUR SKIN.
YEAH, I CAN FEEL MY SKIN GETTING SOFTER.

WHAT DID YOU DO WITH ONII-CHAN TODAY?
WE JUST WALKED AROUND THE HOT SPRING AREA.
OKAY.
I'M GONNA GO WASH MY HAIR.
WE DID SOME TARGET PRACTICE AND OTHER GAMES. HE'S SUCH A CHILD.
HE SEEMED REALLY HAPPY, ANYWAYS.

EH?
AND MAYBE THAT'S WHY HE NEVER GETS A GIRLFRIEND.
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT, HE ACTS LIKE A CHILD A LOT.
YUP, BIG TIME.
YEAH, I CAN SEE WHAT YOU MEAN. HE'S VERY STUBBORN, AND HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND GIRLS...
HE MAY BE CLUMSY, BUT HE MAKES UP FOR IT BY BEING HONEST.
BUT ...
HE'S A BIT STUBBORN AND BLUNT, BUT ALSO CHIVALROUS, SO THERE ARE TIMES WHEN YOU CAN TRUST HIM WITH ANYTHING.
SOMETIMES, THAT IS.

WHAT IS IT?
NOTHING SPECIAL... I JUST THINK YOU KNOW MY BROTHER REALLY WELL.
WHA?
I MEAN, YOU'RE THE ONE WHO UNDER-STANDS HIM THE MOST.
N-NO WAY...
MAKI-SAN, IF YOU WERE HIS GIRLFRIEND HE WOULD PROBABLY DO REALLY WELL.

.....
...YOU'RE RIGHT.
ONII-CHAN WOULD BE SUCH A WASTE ON YOU
~ME AND DANJOU-KUN, HUH~?
SURE, SOME LEMONADE, PLEASE.
WE'LL BE BUYING SOME TEA, SO GO AHEAD AND HEAD BACK.
WANT US TO GET YOU SOMETHING, MAKI-SAN?
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OH PLEASE, WHAT AM I THINKING?
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IT'S JUST BECAUSE OF WHAT YAYOI-CHAN SAID.
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EH?!
OH, IT'S DANJOU-KUN
DAN-
THAT GIRL...
ISN'T SHE THE WAITRESS FROM BEFORE?
I WONDER WHAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT

SQUAWK
MO-GAMI.
AH...
BYE.
WELL THEN, I MUST BE GOING
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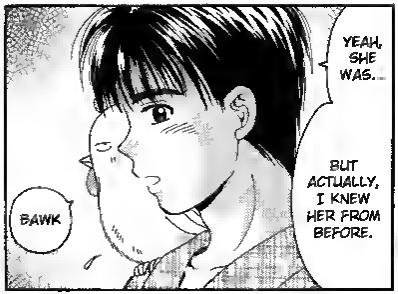
AH, NOTHING, REALLY...
WHAT WERE YOU TWO TALKING ABOUT?


BAWK
YEAH, SHE WAS.
BUT ACTUALLY, I KNEW HER FROM BEFORE.

SHE WAS THE ONE WHO BROUGHT US THE KIMONOS, RIGHT?

SHE'S SORT OF LIKE A SISTER TO ME.
THAT GIRL, MAIKO-CHAN, LIVES HERE.

WHEN MY MOM WAS STILL AROUND, WE USED TO STAY HERE EVERY YEAR
YOU KNEW HER?

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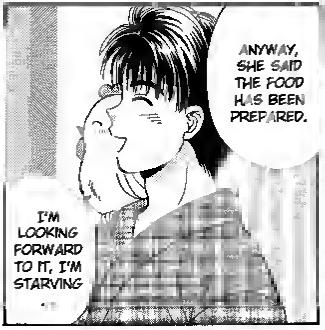
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT, I'M STARVING
ANYWAY, SHE SAID THE FOOD HAS BEEN PREPARED.

EH? IT'S NOTHING SPECIAL, YOU KNOW.
HMMM? WHY'D YOU HIDE IT?

LET'S DIG IN!
YUMMY!
WOW, THIS LOOKS TASTY!
THANKS
HERE, HAVE SOME RICE.
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IS SHE REALLY JUST "A SISTER"...?!
WHAT WAS "THAT"?
ALL RIGHT, I WILL BE TAKING MY LEAVE
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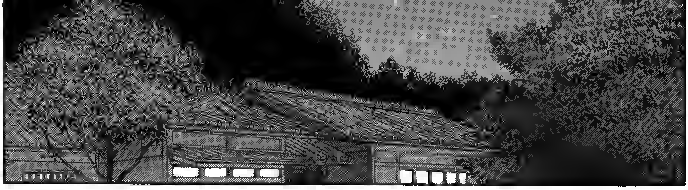
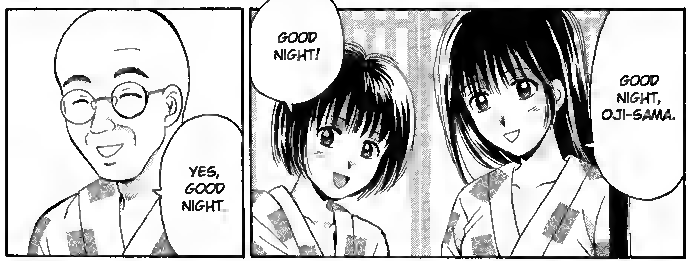
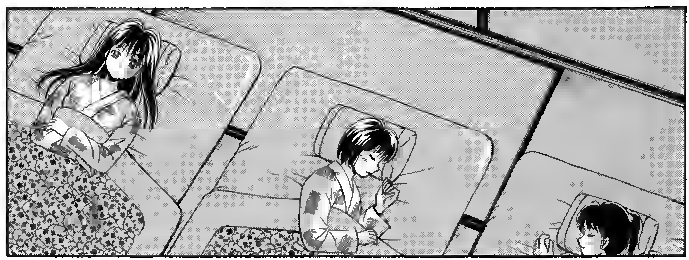
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
NOTHING NOTHING AT ALL
BAWK ?



GIRLS ARE OVER HERE, AND BOYS THERE
DON'T SNEAK A PEEK NOW.
WHY WOULD WE?
GAWK


GOOD NIGHT!
GOOD NIGHT, OJI-SAMA.
YES, GOOD NIGHT.



I CAN'T SLEEP...
WHAT IS THIS UNSETTLING FEELING...?
IS IT OVER DANJOU-KUN!?
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EH?!
DAN-JOU-KUN...
そんなっ
WHERE COULD HE BE GOING WHEN IT'S THIS LATE?
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WHERE IS HE GOING?
WHAT THE...
OUTSIDE...?
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HM?
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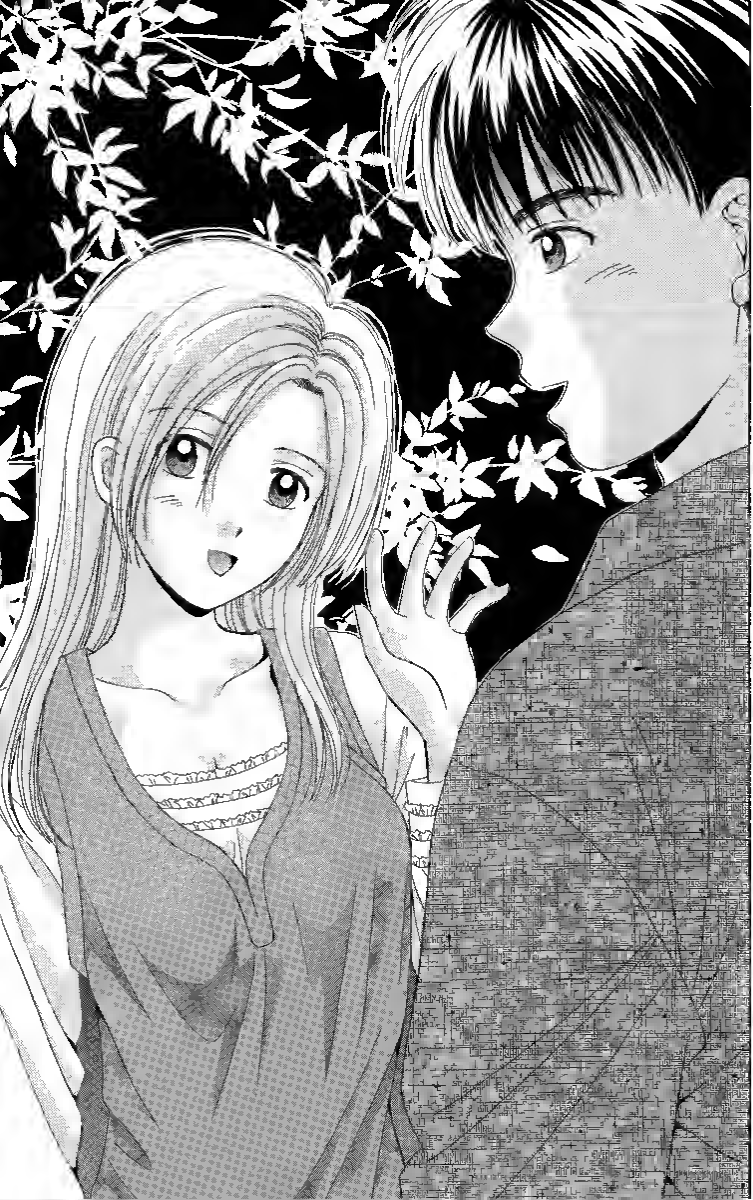
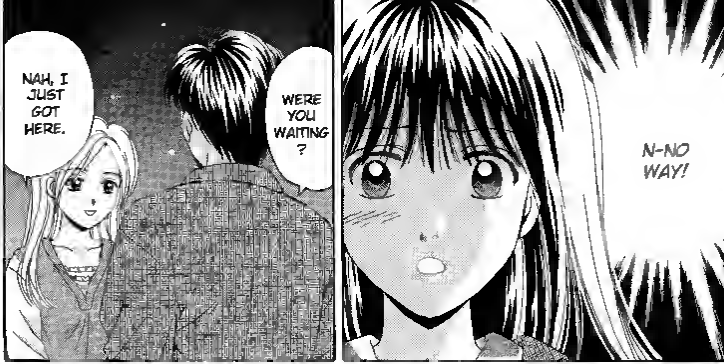
OH SHOOT!





"SHE'S SORT OF A SISTER TO ME."

Check164 - Until the Day We Meet Again

WHAT ARE THE TWO OF THEM DOING OUT TOGETHER AT MIDNIGHT?
SHE'S SORT OF A SISTER TO ME.
AH, THEY'RE LEAVING.
WAS WHAT HE SAID A LIE?

IT'S SO DARK THAT I CAN'T EVEN SEE MY OWN FEET.
ARE YOU OKAY?
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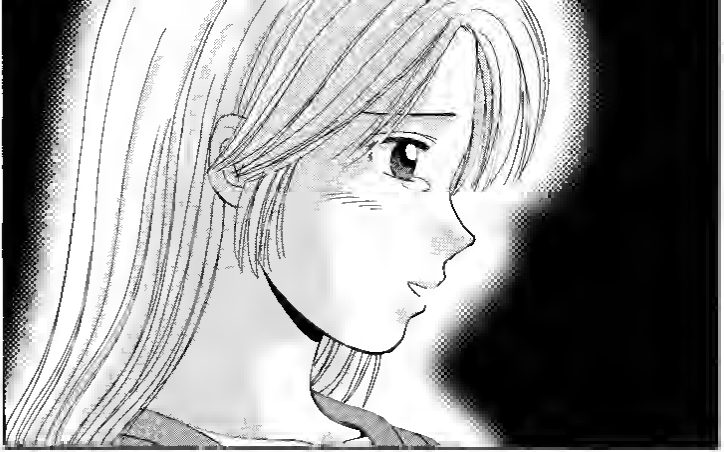
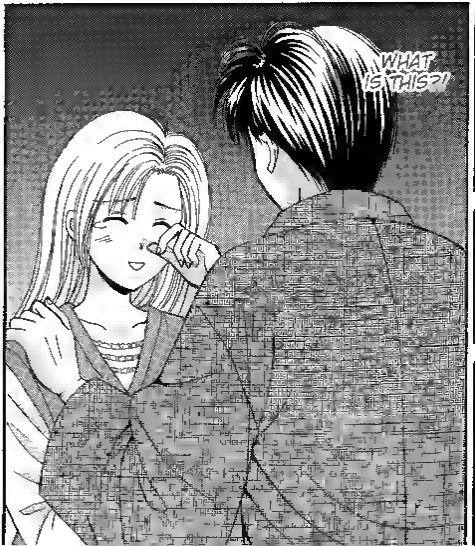
DD!
WHAT'S UP WITH THAT?!
BUT STILL, WHERE ARE THEY GOING?!

"ANJOLI-KUN"
MAYBE IT'S THEIR SECRET PLACE... OR SOME-THING?
SO THERE'S A FLOWERBED HERE!..
PRETTY...



Hm...?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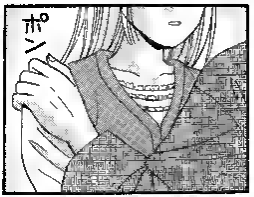

YA-MATO-KUN.

WHA...?

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AH! MOGAMI?!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WHY'RE YOU OUT HERE..?
HUH? YOU WERE OUT HERE?
I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU THE SAME THING
EH?
WELL

N-NAH...
M-MOGAMI, WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT AT MIDNIGHT...?
A DATE?
EH?
IT'S GETTING A BIT COLD, SO I'LL GO BACK.
OH, I SEE
I COULDN'T SLEEP, SO I WENT FOR A WALK
HUH?
MAYBE SHE FOLLOWED US HERE.
MOGAMI...
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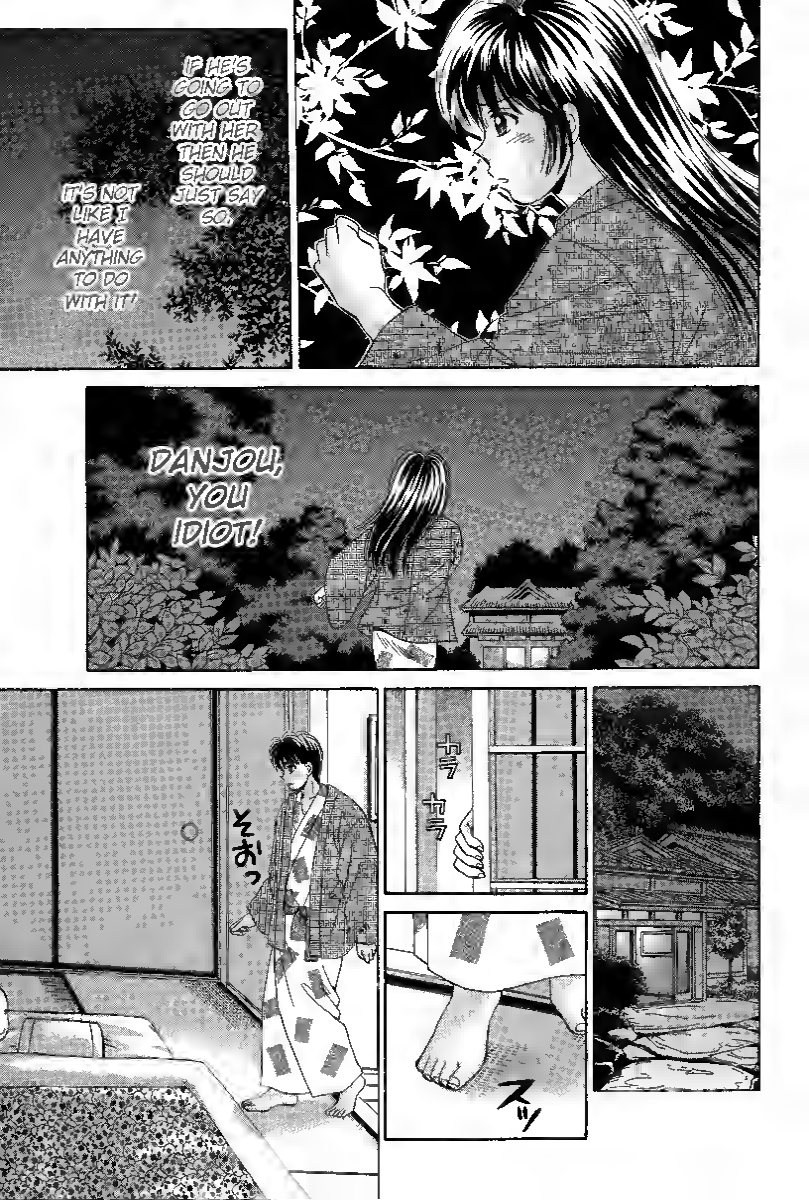
IF HE'S GOING TO GO OUT WITH HER THEN HE SHOULD JUST SAY SO.
IT'S NOT LIKE I HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT!
DANJOU, YOU IDIOT!
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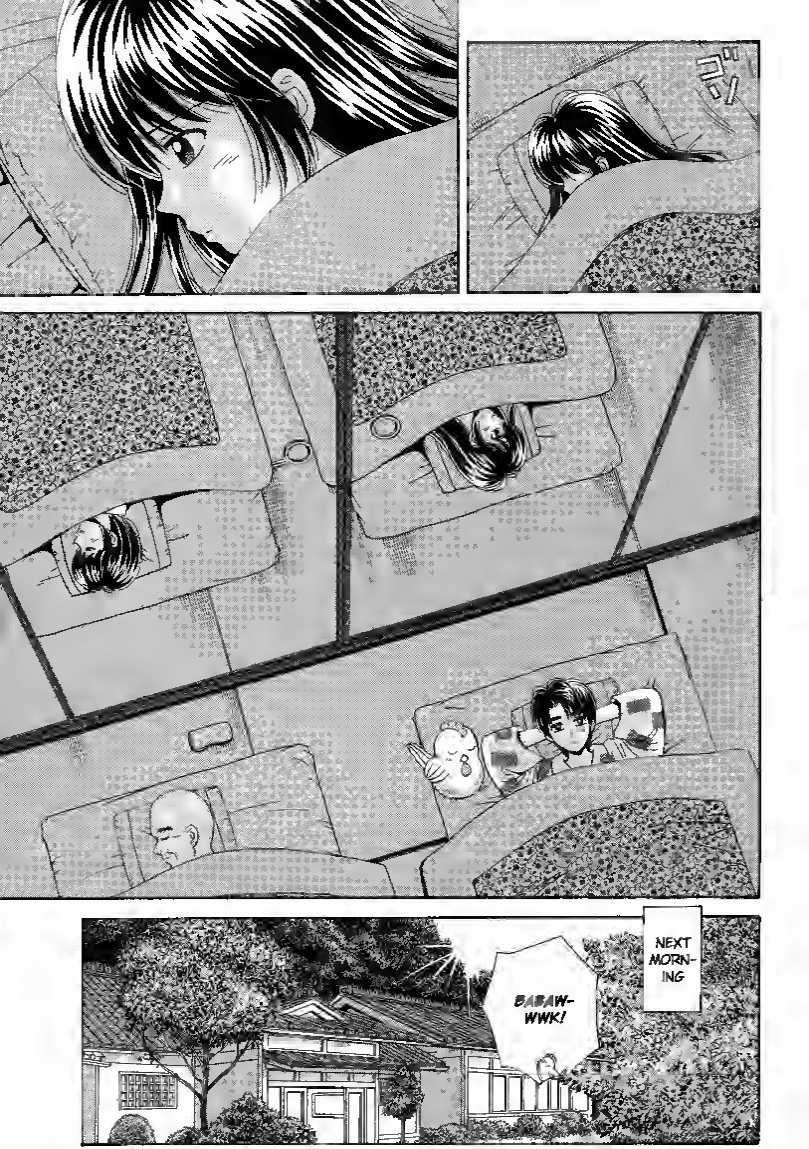
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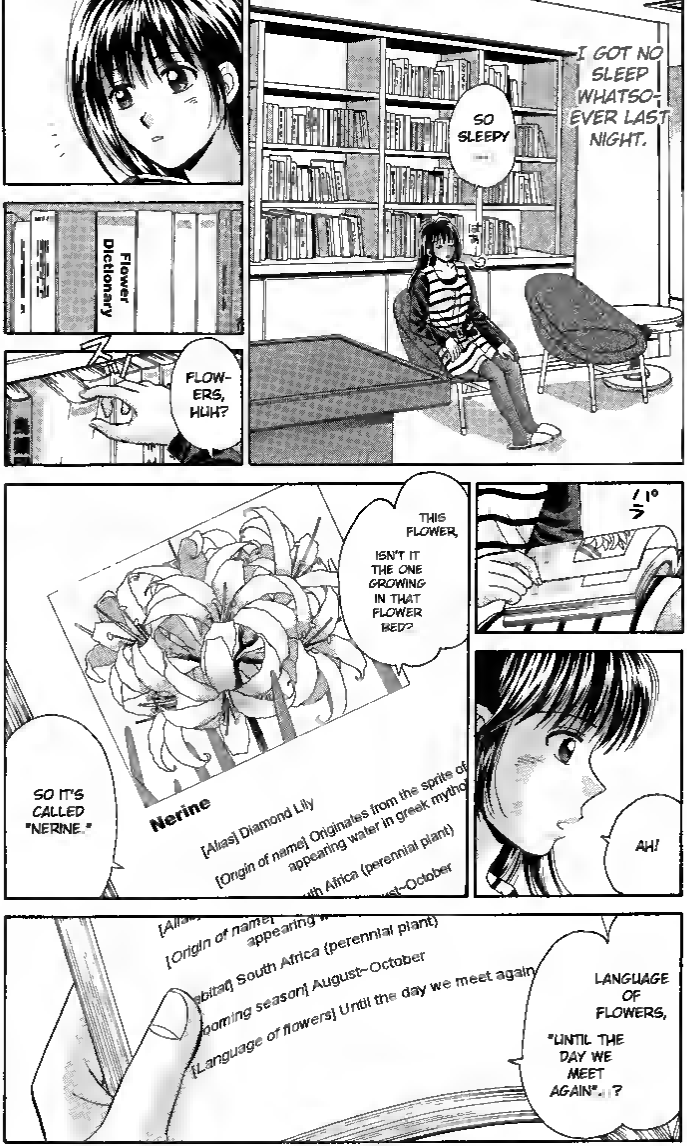
NEXT MORNING
BABAW-WWK!


I GOT NO SLEEP WHATSOEVER LAST NIGHT.
SO SLEEPY
Flower Dictionary
FLOWERS, HUH?
THIS FLOWER, ISN'T IT THE ONE GROWING IN THAT FLOWER BED?
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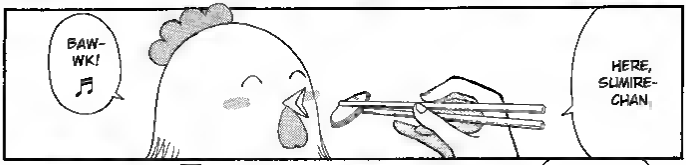
Nerine
[Alias] Diamond Lily
[Origin of name] Originates from the sprite of
appearing water in greek mytho
South Africa (perennial plant)
August~October
SO IT'S CALLED "NERINE."
AH!
[Origin of name]
[Habitat] South Africa (perennial plant)
[Blooming season] August~October
[Language of flowers] Until the day we meet again
LANGUAGE OF FLOWERS, "UNTIL THE DAY WE MEET AGAIN"...?

IS THIS ABOUT MAIKO-SAN?


BAW-WK!
HERE, SUMIRE-CHAN

I THINK I'M GOING TO BUY SOME OF THIS CRAG SEAWEED
AGREED
IT'S NOT OFTEN THAT WE GET TO EAT SASHIMI FOR BREAK-FAST
BAWK

BAW-WK?
IT'S BEEN SO QUIET THIS MORNING THAT I DIDNT WANT TO BREAK THE SILENCE
RIGHT, SUMIRE?

WHY SO QUIET TODAY, ONII-CHAN? DID SOME-THING HAPPEN?

ANYWAY, WHERE SHOULD WE GO TODAY?
ANY REQUESTS, MOGAMI?
BAWK?
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YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE IT RAIN, ONII-CHAN
NOT LIKE YOU AT ALL.
BA-BAWK.
HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ON A PLEASURE CRUISE? THERE IS ONE THAT TAKES A FULL CIRCLE RIDE AROUND THIS PLACE QUITE OFTEN. WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO?
WELL, LET'S SEE...
EH?
BAWK! ♬
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GEEZ, KAYA AND THEM NEED TO GET HERE, PRONTO.
THINGS ARE STILL WEIRD SINCE YESTERDAY.
YAYOI AND THE REST ARE LATE. WHAT ARE THEY DOING?
GOOD MORNING.
ONII-CHAN!
DAMNIT, YOU GUYS YOU'RE LATE!
BAW-WK!
BA-WK?
HM?

I SEE.
BA-WK.
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MAIKO-SAN HAD THE NIGHT SHIFT TODAY, SO I INVITED HER.
IT'S FUN HAVING HER AROUND SOME.

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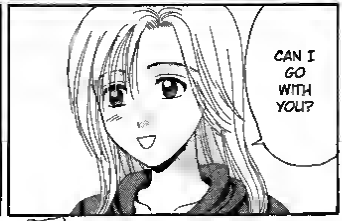
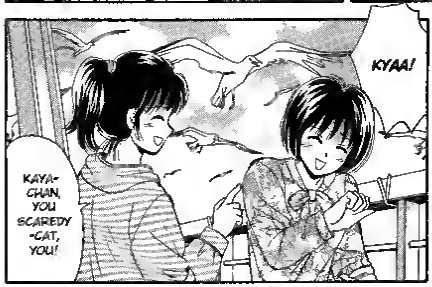
AH, YEAH OF COURSE


CAN I GO WITH YOU?


KYAA!
KAYA-CHAN, YOU SCAREDY-CAT, YOU!

MARI-N
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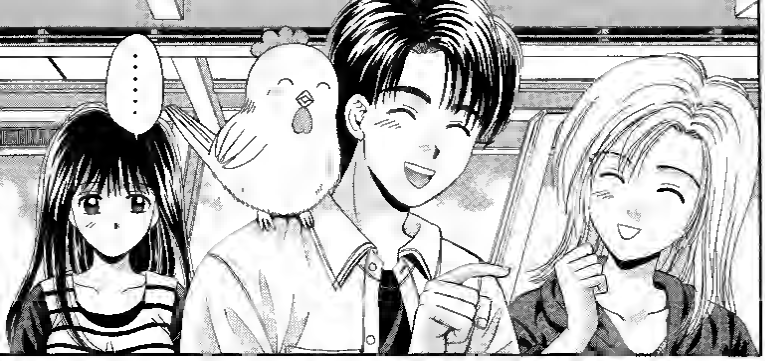
BUT IT ALWAYS LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE GOING TO POKE YOU!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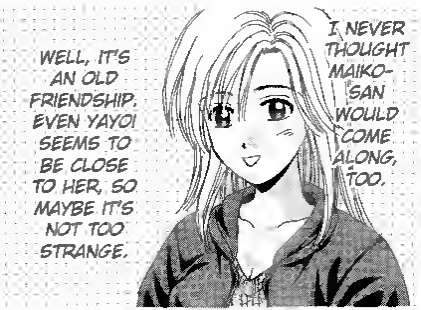
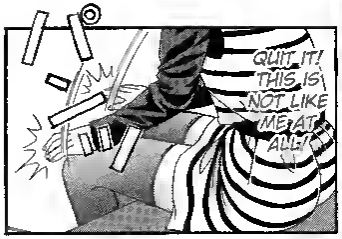
I GOT UP REALLY EARLY, SO I'M KINDA SLEEPY.
HEY...

I'M GOING TO THE LOWER DECK.
DON'T BECOME BAIT.

BA-WK.
I SEE, ... LATER THEN.


WELL, IT'S AN OLD FRIENDSHIP. EVEN YAYOI SEEMS TO BE CLOSE TO HER, SO MAYBE IT'S NOT TOO STRANGE.
I NEVER THOUGHT MAIKO-SAN WOULD COME ALONG, TOO.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QUIT IT! THIS IS NOT LIKE ME AT ALL!

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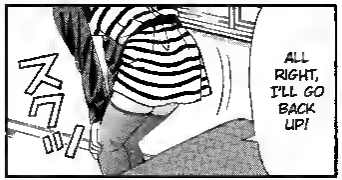
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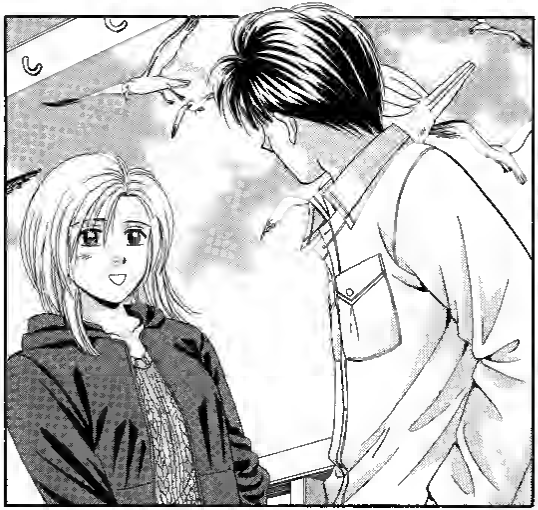
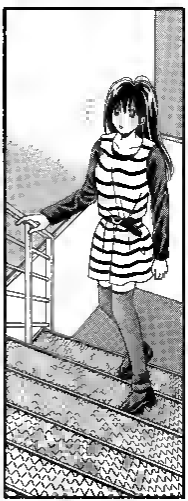
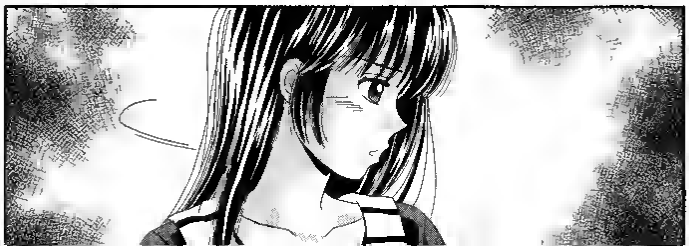
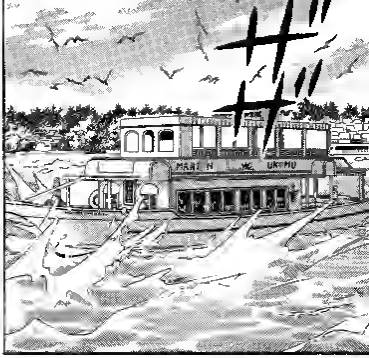
ALL RIGHT, I'LL GO BACK UP!

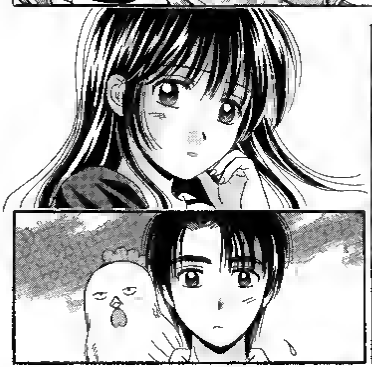






WHAT AM I DOING...?
ARE YOU SURE IT'S NOT JUST BETTER TO TELL HER THE WHOLE STORY?
HM....
I *AM* GOING TO TELL.





WHAT'RE YOU DOING BACK HERE...?

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NOGAMI, YOU KNOW, ABOUT YESTER-DAY...

H-HEY, THE WIND REALLY STARTED BLOWING, DON'T YOU THINK?
THE TRUTH IS,
I'M GOING BACK INSIDE.
SEEMS LIKE IT'S GOING TO RAIN, WITH ALL THOSE CLOUDS UP THERE.
EH? HEY..
BA-WK?
THIS STINKS... HOW COULD EVERY-THING END UP LIKE THIS?

JUST A CLASSMATE?
OR A CLOSE CHILDHOOD FRIEND?
WHAT IS DANJOU-KUN TO ME?
OR...
IT'S REALLY POURING ...
I HONESTLY DON'T KNOW...
WHAT IS HE TO ME...?

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DAN-JOU-KUN..
WHAT'S THE MATTER?!
WELL
I CAN'T FIND MAIKO-CHAN ANYWHERE!
EH?!
I THINK I HAVE AN IDEA WHERE SHE MIGHT BE. I'LL GO LOOK!
DAN-JOU-KUN?!

GIVE ME A BREAK!
MAIKO-CHAN THIS, MAIKO-CHAN THAT. GEEZ!
SHE AND DANJOU-KUN ARE PROBABLY OVER THERE...
THIS TIME I'M GOING TO ASK, TO MAKE EVERYTHING CLEAR!

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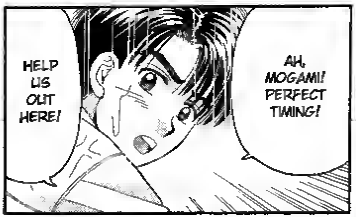
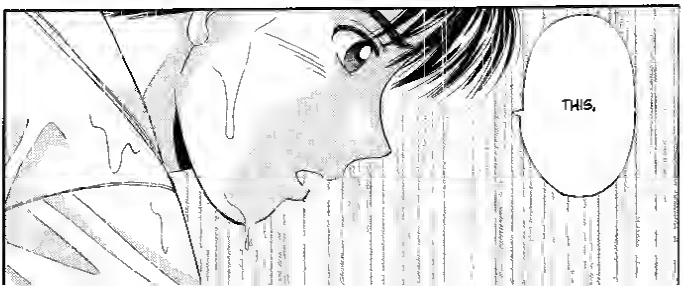

HELP US OUT HERE!
AH, MOGAMI! PERFECT TIMING!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

EH? WITH WHAT?
WHY'RE YOU-


THIS,

IT'S THE FLOWERBED OF MY MOM'S MEMORY.
EH?
EH?
WITH YOUR MOM?
MY MOM AND I PLANTED THE SEEDS OF THESE FLOWERS, SO THEY'RE REALLY PRECIOUS TO ME.
DIDN'T I TELL YOU WE USED TO COME HERE A LOT BEFORE?

SO I'LL PROTECT THEM NO MATTER WHAT!
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DANJOU-KUN...!
SHOULD I REALLY USE JUST A BUCKET TO GET RID OF THE WATER?
YEAH, PLEASE!
MORE WATER KEEPS COMING IN!
IF THIS GOES ON, THE ROOTS OF THE FLOWERS WILL DROWN!
JUST USING THE BUCKETS ISN'T ENOUGH!

DAN-JOU-KUN...
ARG...
DANJOU-KUN, HOW ABOUT WE MOVE THOSE SANDBAGS SO THE WATER DRAINS THE OTHER WAY?
YOU'RE RIGHT. THAT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE!
I'LL HELP YOU!
THANKS!
ONE-TWO-
THREE!
COME ON!

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ALL RIGHT! THE WATER IS CHANGING DIRECTION!
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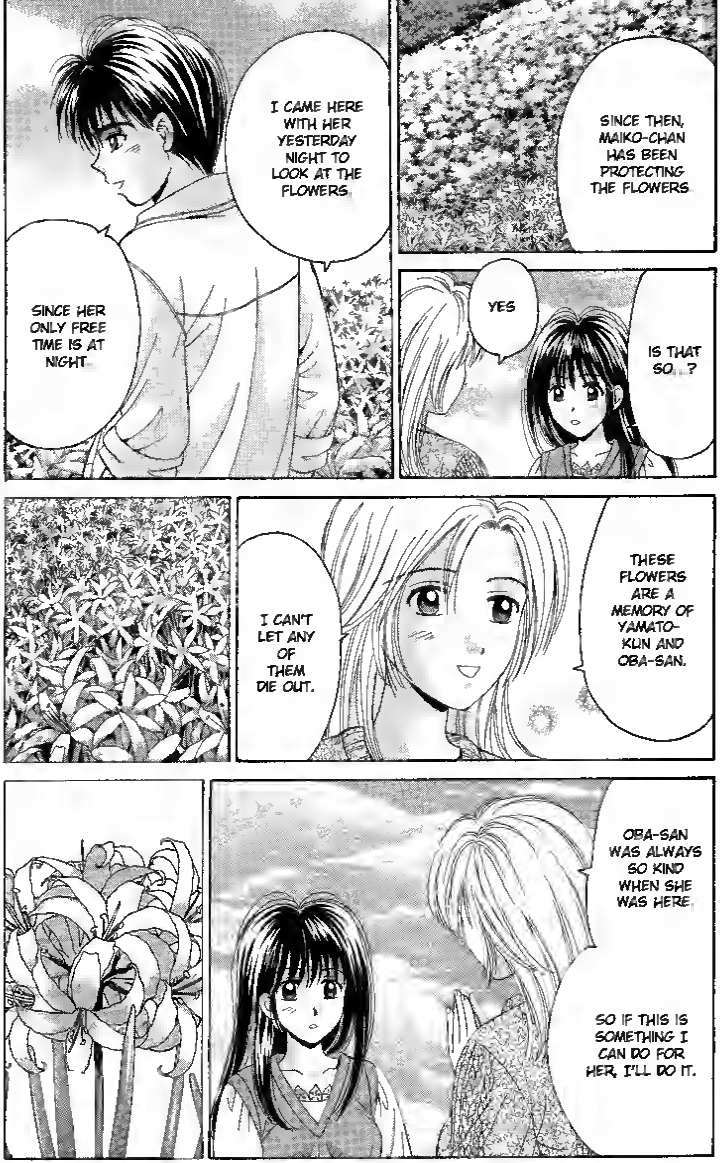
THE RAIN PASSED
SOMEHOW WE MANAGED TO PROTECT IT.
THANK GOD...
... IT'S OVER 10 YEARS NOW.

IF IT BLOOMS, WE HAVE TO COME SEE IT!
LET'S COME HERE AGAIN THEN!
WHEN AUTUMN COMES, THE FLOWERS WILL BLOOM AND THIS WHOLE AREA WILL BE A FLOWERBED
... BUT THAT PROMISE WAS NEVER KEPT.
SINCE MOM WAS IN THAT ACCIDENT...
DANJOU-KUN...


I CAME HERE WITH HER YESTERDAY NIGHT TO LOOK AT THE FLOWERS.
SINCE HER ONLY FREE TIME IS AT NIGHT.
SINCE THEN, MAIKO-CHAN HAS BEEN PROTECTING THE FLOWERS.
YES
IS THAT SO...?
I CAN'T LET ANY OF THEM DIE OUT.
THESE FLOWERS ARE A MEMORY OF YAMATO-KUN AND OBA-SAN.
OBA-SAN WAS ALWAYS SO KIND WHEN SHE WAS HERE.
SO IF THIS IS SOMETHING I CAN DO FOR HER, I'LL DO IT.

SO THE "UNTIL THE DAY WE MEET AGAIN" WAS ABOUT YOUR MOTHER?
EH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
NAH, NOTHING.
YOU DIDN'T MISUN-DERSTAND ANYTHING ABOUT THIS, RIGHT?
EH?
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W-WHY WOULD I?
THANK YOU.
EH?

MY MOM WOULD BE VERY HAPPY YOU SAVED THESE FLOWERS, TOO.

OKAY!
BUT IF THAT'S HOW IT WAS, WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME EARLIER?
I TRIED TO, BUT YOU WOULDN'T LISTEN
AND ALSO...
ALSO?
IT FELT A BIT AWKWARD, YOU KNOW.
THIS REALLY IS AN IMPORTANT PLACE.
HEY, WHAT KIND OF PERSON WAS YOUR MOM?
EH? ... WELL, LET'S SEE.
...DANJOU-KUN, YOU KNOW WHAT?

SURE!
I COULD SHOW YOU SOME PICTURES.
AND SOME OF ME WHEN I WAS A KID.
I'LL PASS ON THOSE
NOW, NOW, DON'T SAY THAT
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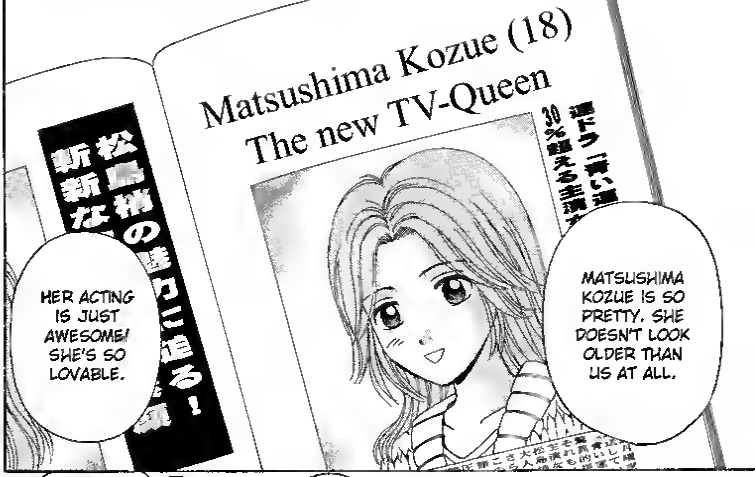
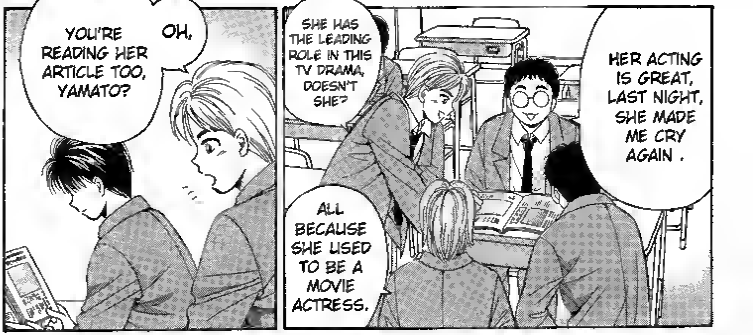
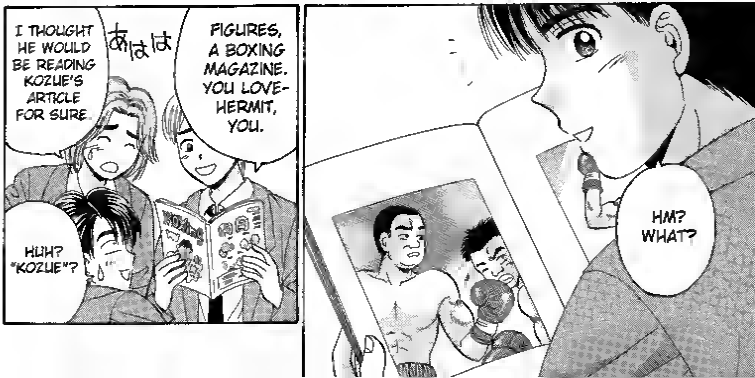
THIS PLACE HAS BECOME AN IMPORTANT PLACE FOR ME, TOO!

OPEN SESAME

Check65: Your name is...?


Matsushima Kozue (18)
The new TV-Queen
MATSUSHIMA KOZUE IS SO PRETTY. SHE DOESN'T LOOK OLDER THAN US AT ALL.
HER ACTING IS JUST AWESOME! SHE'S SO LOVABLE.


HER ACTING IS GREAT. LAST NIGHT, SHE MADE ME CRY AGAIN .
SHE HAS THE LEADING ROLE IN THIS TV DRAMA, DOESN'T SHE?
ALL BECAUSE SHE USED TO BE A MOVIE ACTRESS.
OH, YOU'RE READING HER ARTICLE TOO, YAMATO?


HM? WHAT?
FIGURES, A BOXING MAGAZINE. YOU LOVE-HERMIT, YOU.
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I THOUGHT HE WOULD BE READING KOZUE'S ARTICLE FOR SURE.
HUH? "KOZUE"?

EHHH?! ARE YOU TELLING ME YOU DON'T KNOW WHO SHE IS? DO YOU LIVE UNDER A ROCK?
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I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS! YOU DON'T WATCH ANY DRAMAS?
LATELY I'VE ONLY BEEN WATCHING SPORTS.
IF I DO WATCH DRAMA, IT'S OF HISTORIC PLAYS
MYO!
IF YOU KEEP ON ONLY WATCHING THAT, YOU'LL BE LEFT IN THE DARK AGES.
SO, YOU KNOW HER TOO?
OF COURSE! HER TELEVISION PROGRAM HAS SURPASSED A 30% RATING.
I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING HER SINCE "KOI NO YOUKUE".
* THE WHEREABOUTS OF LOVE
GEEZ, WHY ARE YOU LIKE THIS?
MYO!
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LOVE-DRAMA? PLEASE SPARE ME, IT'S TOO MUCH OF A HASSLE.
THAT'S OUR YAMATO ALL RIGHT

WE CAN'T SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN?
W-WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT...?
HEAVEN'S PUNISH-MENT!
BAWK ...
HEY, ONII-CHAN!
DA BAWK!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? I WAS WATCHING THAT!
BAWWWK!
IT'S JUST A RERUN FROM LAST NIGHT, RIGHT?
BESIDES, ARE YOU EATING, CRYING, OR WATCHING? YOU SHOULD MAKE UP YOUR MIND.
YOU DON'T GET IT. THIS DRAMA IS SPECIAL!
IT'S MATSU-SHIMA KOZUE'S...

I KNOW HER THAT DRAMA HAS GONE OVER A 30% RATING AND IS HIGHLY REPUTABLE.
I HAVE INSIGHT INTO EVERY-THING.
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YOU PICKED THAT UP AT SCHOOL, DIDN'T YOU?
BAWK?
W-WHAT?
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million kg) since 1985, but
I KNEW IT! YOU AREN'T THE TYPE OF GUY TO FOLLOW THE LATEST STUFF.
BAH!
BAWK
saddling losses an million ham
RIGHT, SUMIRE-CHAN?
YOU HERE, YAMATO?
ドキ
EH?
I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU.
HEAVEN'S PUNISH-MENT
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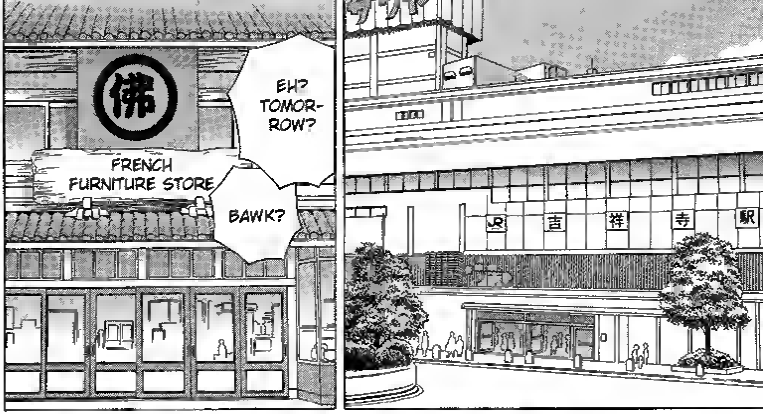
WHAT IS IT?
I'LL BE NEEDING SOME FUTONS FROM THE BUDDHIST SHOP OVER AT KICHIJOUJI.
FUTONS?
WHY FROM A BUDDHIST SHOP?
ONII-CHAN, IT'S FOR THIS!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FRENCH FURNITURE STORE
EH? TOMORROW?
BAWK?
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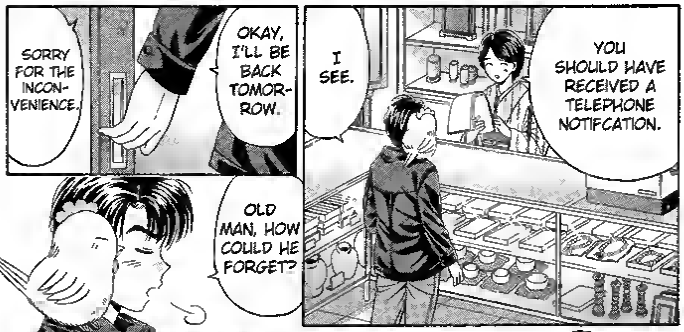
SORRY FOR THE INCONVENIENCE.
OKAY, I'LL BE BACK TOMORROW.
I SEE.
YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED A TELEPHONE NOTIFCATION.
OLD MAN, HOW COULD HE FORGET?

OR SO I SAY.
BUT I HAVE NO IDEA WHERE TO GO OR WHAT TO DO. I MIGHT AS WELL JUST HEAD HOME.
BAW-AAK
BUT I DID COME ALL THIS WAY..

HM?
BAWWK
MOGAMI!
AH!
NO WAY!
WHAT A COINCIDENCE, US MEETING HERE.
YEAH.
OUT SHOPPING?
I FOUND A NICE STORE HERE, SO I THOUGHT I'D BUY A SKIRT.
AND YOU?

BUT I WAS JUST ABOUT TO GO HOME.
DAD'S ERR- AND.
ARE YOU GOING TO LOOK AROUND SOME MORE?
YUP, THAT'S WHAT I HAD IN MIND.
OKAY, WELL I'M HEADING BACK
.....
WAIT.
EH?
BAW?
THEN WHY DON'T YOU COME WITH ME FOR A WHILE?
DO YOU HAVE SOME FREE TIME?
UM, WELL, SURE I DO...
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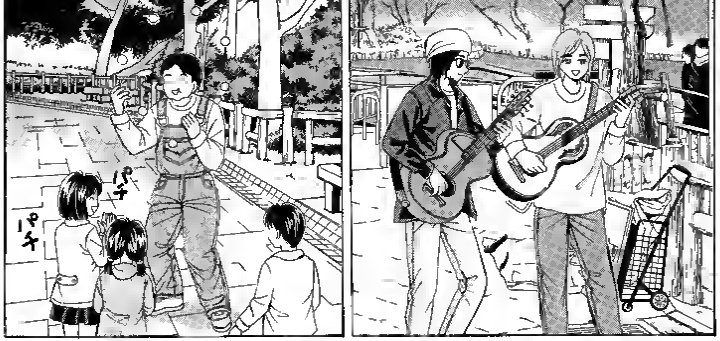
BY THE WAY, I GOT A PRESSED NERINE FLOWER BOOKMARK FROM MAIKO-CHAN, YESTERDAY.
HMMMM? THAT FLOWER?
YUP, AND I GOT A COUPLE FOR YOU AND KAYA, TOO. I'LL BRING THEM TOMORROW.
WOW, THAT'S GREAT! MAKE SURE TO THANK HER FOR ME.
SURE.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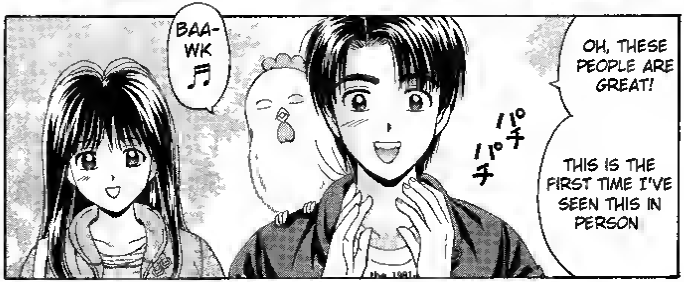
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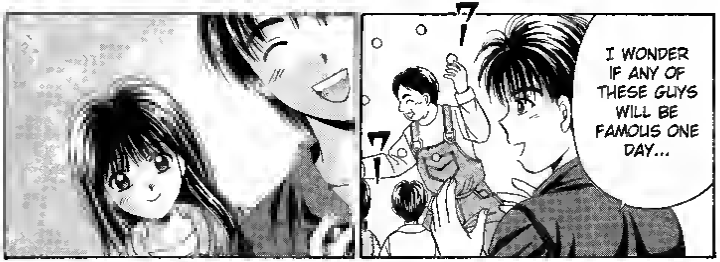
OH, THESE PEOPLE ARE GREAT!
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN THIS IN PERSON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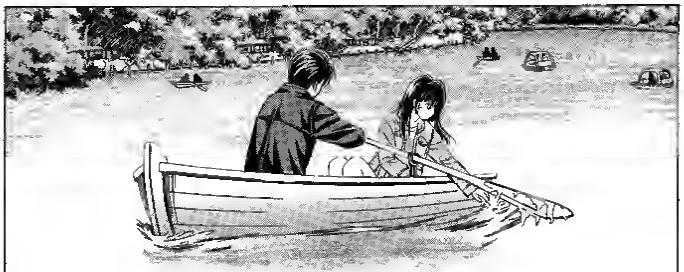
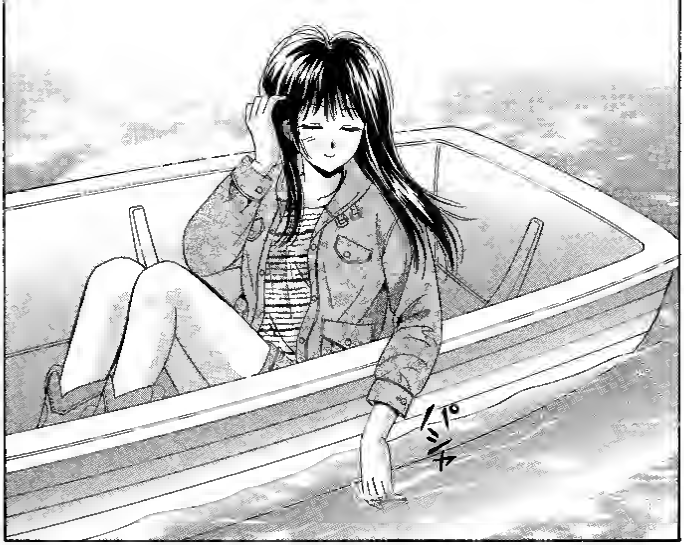
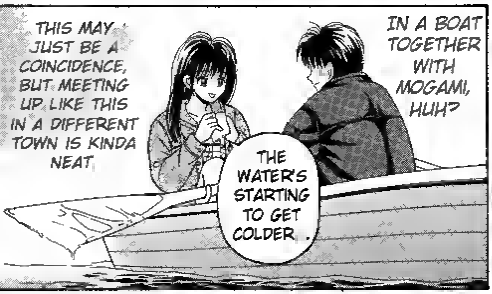
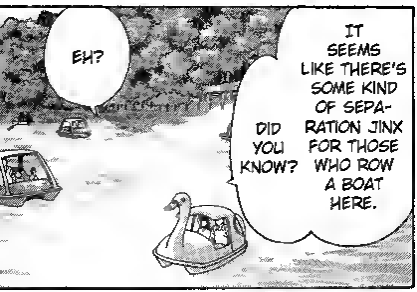
I WONDER IF ANY OF THESE GUYS WILL BE FAMOUS ONE DAY...

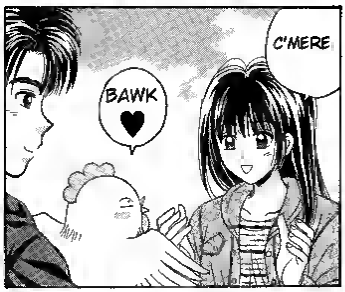





THIS MAY JUST BE A COINCIDENCE, BUT MEETING UP LIKE THIS IN A DIFFERENT TOWN IS KINDA NEAT.
THE WATER'S STARTING TO GET COLDER.

IN A BOAT TOGETHER WITH MOGAMI, HUH?


EH?
DID YOU KNOW?
IT SEEMS LIKE THERE'S SOME KIND OF SEPA-RATION JINX FOR THOSE WHO ROW A BOAT HERE.


BAWK
C'MERE

WELL, I TOOK A ROW HERE WITH AKIZUKI BEFORE.
ALTHOUGH IN THAT CASE, IT WAS TO GET HER HAT.
AFTER THAT, SHE WENT TO STUDY ABROAD.
SO THAT'S ONE SEPARA-TION.
I WONDER HOW SHE'S DOING IN AMERICA...
JINX, HUH?
BAWK ?
SO... ARE WE GOING TO BE SEPARATED TOO?
EH?
WE'RE NOT DATING OR ANYTHING, SO I DON'T THINK IT APPLIES HERE
AH...

BAW WWK
W-WELL, ANYWAY..
I SHOULDN'T BE TALKING ABOUT THIS WEIRD STUFF..
ONLY SUMIRE?
BAA-AWK ♥
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EXACTLY! I WOULDN'T WANT TO PART WITH MY SUMIRE-CHAN
I'M GOING TO BUY SOME TEA, OKAY?
ROWING THE WHOLE WAY ENDED UP BEING PRETTY GOOD TRAINING.

AH... I'LL GO INSTEAD.
IT'S FINE, YOU'LL END UP LOST ANYWAY
WAIT HERE, AND DON'T GO ANY-WHERE
WHAT AM I, A KINDER-GARTEN STUDENT?
BA BAWK!
HEY, SUMIRE, WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?
MOGAMI WILL BE MAD AT YOU FOR RUNING OFF
.....
BAWK
STOP THERE
DON'T MOVE AROUND SO MUCH
I HATE YOU!
MORON!
HM?

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? A FIGHT?
BAWK ?
WHY WOULD YOU LEAVE ME BY MYSELF LIKE THIS..?
SO THERE'S PEOPLE WHO PRACTICE EVEN AT A PLACE LIKE THIS?
COULD SHE BE PRACTICING FOR A PLAY?
HM? SHE'S BY HERSELF?
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DO YOU KNOW?
I...
THE TRUE "SOLI-TUDE" IS HAVING TO KILL.
LOVE YOU!
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EH?
WHO'S THERE?

AH...
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パチパチ
But Cummings
id saturated
en linked with
olesterol levels
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ght 1.54 billion
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN STANDING THERE?
OH I'M SORRY, JUST FOR A SEC...
BAW-AWWK
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EH?
BAWK
ぱふっ
KYAA! WHAT'S TH--
HOW CUTE
SUMI-RE...
DO YOU ALWAYS HAVE THIS CHICKEN WITH YOU?
AH .. YEAH.
BA-WK

SORRY FOR INTERRUPTING YOUR PRACTICE.
BAAWK
NOT AT ALL, I'M SORRY FOR DOING IT OUT HERE
ARE YOU IN SOME KIND OF DRAMA GROUP?
EH?
I KNEW IT!
UM, I GUESS...
I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT ACTING, BUT I DO KNOW THAT WAS GREAT.
BAWK
YOU REALLY THINK SO?
OF COURSE!
BAWK
I'VE BEEN LOSING SOME OF MY CONFIDENCE LATELY, SO I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT...
BUT IT'S TRUE - YOU MOVED ME TO TEARS.
BAWK
6

R-RIGHT! YOU'RE EVEN BETTER THAN THAT FAMOUS MATSUSHIMA KOZUE!
REALLY!
I'M SORRY, I JUST...
AH...
THANKS!

BAWK
FORGIVE ME!
I'M VERY SORRY!
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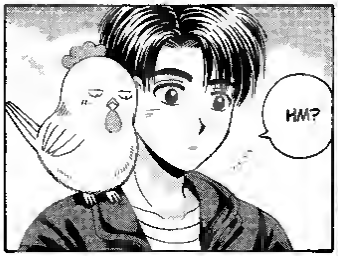
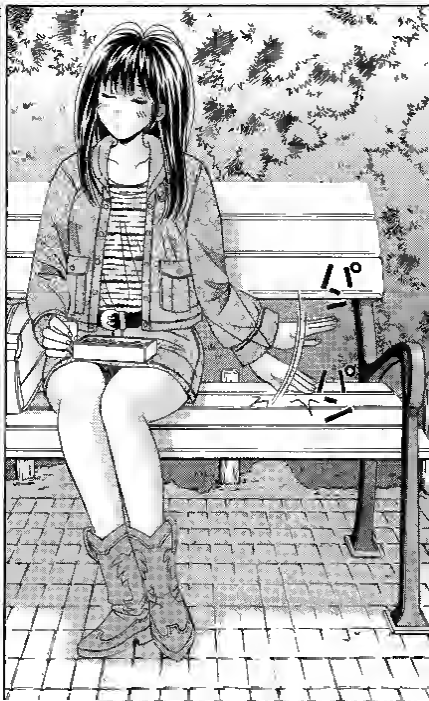
STOP TRYING TO HIT ON ME, SIR
しっしっ
MOGAM!
WHO MIGHT YOU BE, MISTER?
BAWK
DON'T BE MEAN.
W-WELL,
I WAS OVER THERE WATCHING A GIRL PRACTICE A PLAY.
BAWWK
YOU WERE GONE FOR TWENTY MINUTES. YOU COULD'VE AT LEAST TOLD ME WHERE YOU WERE GOING!

I WANTED TO ASK HER WHAT DRAMA GROUP SHE WAS IN, THOUGH...
HMM, I SEE ...

A PLAY? IS SHE STILL AT IT?
I'D LIKE TO WATCH, TOO.
WELL, SHE WAS THERE PRACTICING BY HERSELF.
SHE WAS REALLY GOOD, BUT AFTER SHE NOTICED ME SHE STOPPED AND LEFT.
BAWK

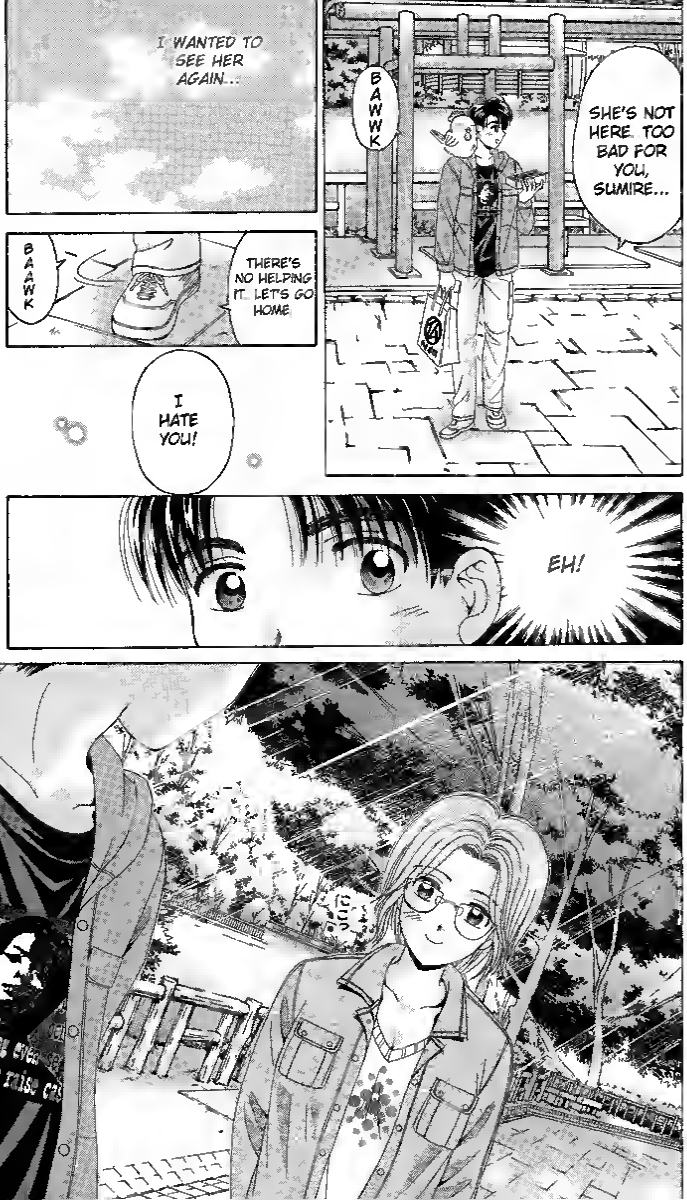

HM?

YOU'LL JUST BE IN THE WAY IF YOU KEEP STANDING THERE - SIT DOWN, WILL YOU?



IT'S TOO LATE FOR FLATTERY.
TAKOYAKI? YOU'RE SO THOUGHT-FUL.
BAWK
I WENT THROUGH THE TROUBLE OF BUYING SOME HOT FOOD, BUT NOW THE TAKOYAKI'S COLD.
THIS IS SO GOOD!
BAWK
THE NEXT DAY.
HEY, WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING? THE STATION'S THIS WAY!
BAWK.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

BAWK ♡
ARE YOU TRYING TO MEET HER AGAIN?
BABAWK, BABAWK!
HM? YOU WANNA GO TO THE PARK AGAIN?
SHE DID HAVE A MYSTERIOUS CHARM ABOUT HER.
IS SHE THERE TODAY TOO?
PERHAPS...
THE TAKOYAKI ALONE IS WORTH IT ANYWAY.
BA-WK
BAAWK
BAAWK


I WANTED TO SEE HER AGAIN...
BAWWK
SHE'S NOT HERE. TOO BAD FOR YOU, SUMIRE...
BAAWK
THERE'S NO HELPING IT. LET'S GO HOME.
I HATE YOU!
EH!
following
diaries to raise

AH!
HI THERE.
BAWK!
OH, HEY CHICKEN-SAN. HOW ARE YOU DOING?
BAWK!
HEY, SUMIRE!
YOU SURPRISED ME, MEETING AT THE SAME PLACE AGAIN
ARE YOU PRACTICING BY YOURSELF AGAIN TODAY?
YUP, THAT'S WHAT I HAD IN MIND BUT..
BY THE WAY, DO YOU HAVE SOME FREE TIME?
I'M GOING TO STOP PRACTICING

ZUZU
T-THIS IS SORT OF MAKING ME NERVOUS.
Y-YEAH
THAT WAS REALLY GOOD.
YUP, I LOVE IT! BUT I DIDN'T WANT TO COME IN ALONE ..
SO, YOU LIKE RAMEN?
I'VE BEEN WANTING TO COME HERE FOR A WHILE
中華
ラーメン

AH, IT'S NOTHING..
I'M GLAD YOU CAME ALONG.
LET'S HAVE ANOTHER
YOU'RE UP FOR IT, RIGHT?
DAMN, I DON'T THINK I'VE EVER BEEN THIS NERVOUS BEFORE
COMING RIGHT UP!
EXCUSE ME, BUT COULD WE GET TWO DOUBLES OVER HERE?
EH!
OKAY, HERE YOU GO!
I GUESS IT'S BEST TO FOCUS ON EATING WHEN I'M LIKE THIS!
ALL RIGHT, TIME TO EAT!

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ごくん
ゴトン!
ごくん
パチパチ
パチパチ
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THAT WAS GREAT. YOU ATE IT ALL!
EH?
DON'T BE SORRY.
AH... SORRY, IT'S AN OLD HABIT OF MINE.
CAAWK
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE MET SOMEONE LIKE YOU.
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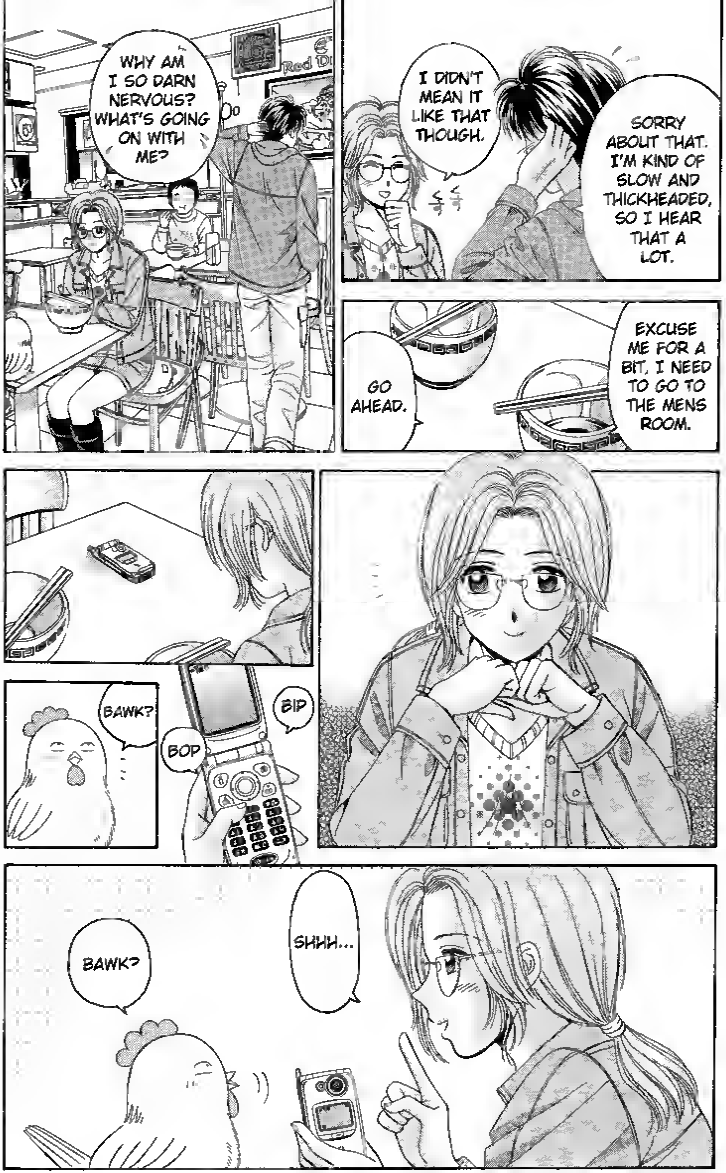
WHY AM I SO DARN NERVOUS? WHAT'S GOING ON WITH ME?
I DIDN'T MEAN IT LIKE THAT THOUGH.
SORRY ABOUT THAT. I'M KIND OF SLOW AND THICKHEADED, SO I HEAR THAT A LOT.
GO AHEAD.
EXCUSE ME FOR A BIT, I NEED TO GO TO THE MENS ROOM.
BAWK?
BOP
BIP
BAWK?
SHHH...

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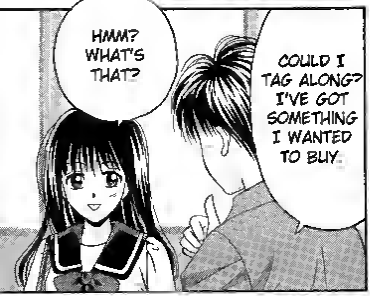
HMM? WHAT'S THAT?
COULD I TAG ALONG? I'VE GOT SOMETHING I WANTED TO BUY.

ARE YOU GOING HOME, MOGAMI?
YEAH, BUT I'M STOPPING BY THE BOOKSHOP FIRST.

THE "MONTHLY CHICKEN" IS COMING OUT TODAY.
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THE "MY PRIDE, MY CHICKEN" ARTICLE. THEY'RE ALL DOTED ON BY THEIR PARENTS.
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I ACTUALLY SENT IN A SUBMISSION OF MY OWN.
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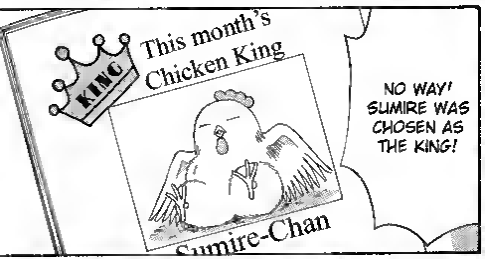
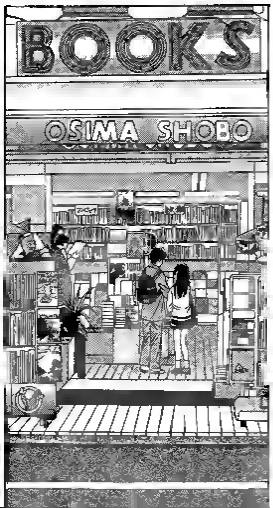
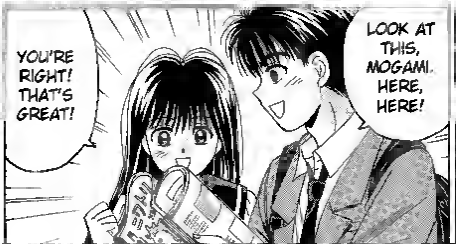
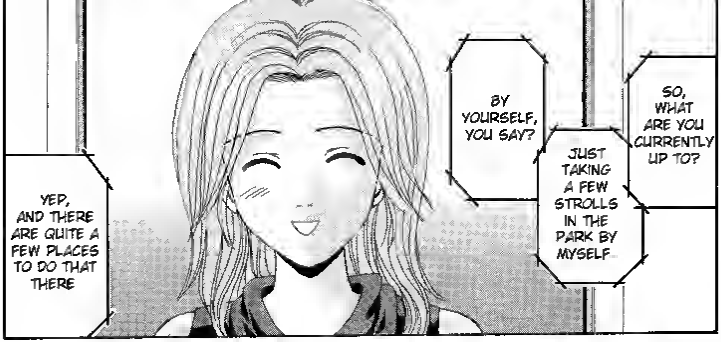
YOU SOUND LIKE AN OLD MAN.


KING
This month's Chicken King
Sumire-Chan
NO WAY! SUMIRE WAS CHOSEN AS THE KING!

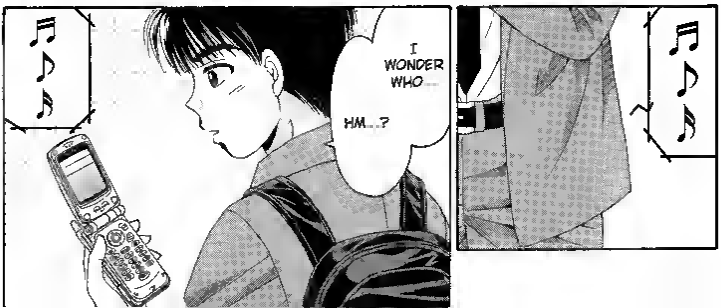

BOOKS
OSIMA SHOBO


LOOK AT THIS, MOGAMI. HERE, HERE!
YOU'RE RIGHT! THAT'S GREAT!

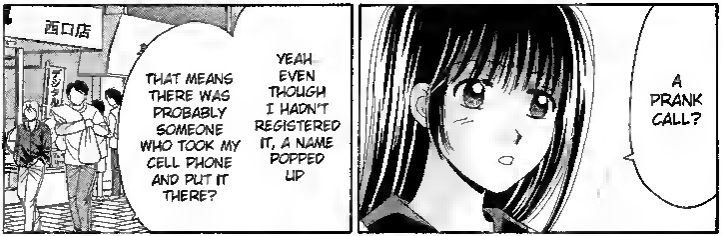
STILL, IF IT'S SUMIRE-CHAN, I'M SURE HE COULD READ IT.
HE SURE IS A KING DOTED ON BY HIS PARENT.
WILL HE UNDER-STAND?
LET'S HURRY BACK AND SHOW THIS TO SUMIRE.
I MEAN, IT WAS I WHO RAISED HIM AFTER ALL.
RIGHT!
HE'S THE ONE CHICKEN IN THE WORLD WHO CAN ACTUALLY READ.
I THINK!
MATSUSHIMA KOZUE HAS SUCH GOOD TASTE IN CLOTHES.
BAAWWK!
SERIOUSLY, WHAT'S THE MATTER? I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY, YOU KNOW.
BAAWWK!
BAWK! BABAWK!
WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOU LIKE KOZUE TOO?

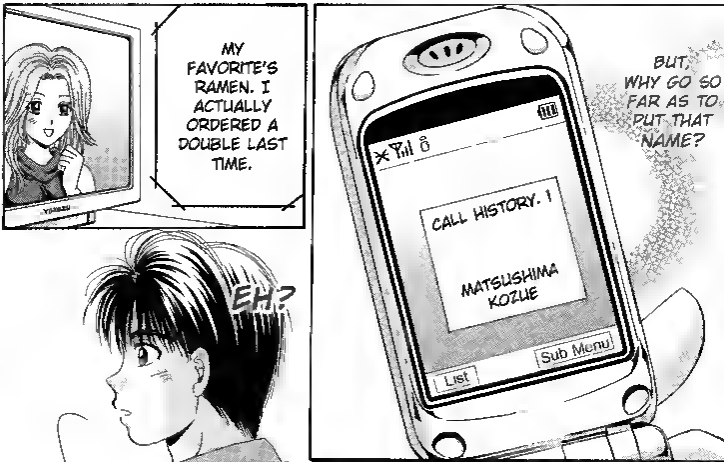

SO, WHAT ARE YOU CURRENTLY UP TO?
JUST TAKING A FEW STROLLS IN THE PARK BY MYSELF
BY YOURSELF, YOU SAY?
YEP, AND THERE ARE QUITE A FEW PLACES TO DO THAT THERE

IS IT ALL RIGHT IF WE STAY AND LOOK FOR A BIT?
OH LOOK, IT'S MATSUSHIMA KOZUE
HM?
TOHO
西口店
デジタル革命
HM? SURE
YOU REALLY LIKE HER, DON'T YOU?

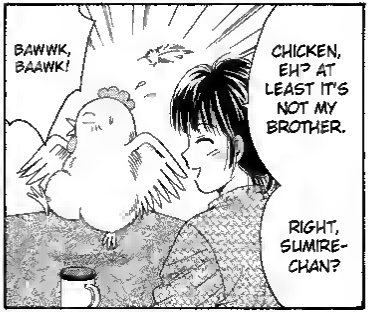

I WONDER WHO...
HM...?

I CUT IT OFF.
IT WAS SOME WEIRD NUMBER. PROBABLY A PRANK CALL.
HM? YOU'RE NOT GOING TO ANSWER?
WHO'S THIS?


西口店
THAT MEANS THERE WAS PROBABLY SOMEONE WHO TOOK MY CELL PHONE AND PUT IT THERE?
YEAH. EVEN THOUGH I HADN'T REGISTERED IT, A NAME POPPED UP
A PRANK CALL?


MY FAVORITE'S RAMEN. I ACTUALLY ORDERED A DOUBLE LAST TIME.
BUT, WHY GO SO FAR AS TO PUT THAT NAME?
CALL HISTORY. 1
MATSUSHIMA KOZUE
List
Sub Menu
EH?

WOULD YOU MIND TELLING US WHAT TYPE OF GUY YOU LIKE?
LET'S SEE...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? THAT'S MATSUSHIMA KOZUE!
H-HEY, WHO'S THIS GIRL?
デジタル革命
光
キャンペーン中!!
SOMEONE WHO CARRIES AROUND A CHICKEN...
PERHAPS?
EH?



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「河方と担当のドライな会話Ⅳ」

「ドライな会話Ⅴ」

担当Mっちが
新しいノーパソを買って
私のHP開設6年め
にして初めて遊びに
やってきた
何？あの
くそマジメな日記は
面白くも
なんともないよ
マンガ家
なんだから
もっと笑わせる
こと書けば？
いいんです
誰が見てるか
わからないから
グチや過激なことは
書かないように
してんですから
そしたら
あたり障りのない
文章に
次から簡単に
行けるように HPを
「お気に入り」に
追加しといたよ
ほんと
ですか？
全然
「お気に入りじゃない」
んだけどね
何度も言う→
「お気に入り」って項目名
だからしょーがない
全然「気に入ってない」けどね
ふう
何度も
言うなー
素直に
「お気に入り」で
いいじゃないか！
だって
「気に入って
ない」
からね
→まだ言う

昨日の巨×神戦見た？
見た見たあそこで投手交代はないよね
！
ぴろっ
そうですよねー あんなに好投してたのに
ムダ話しないの
え？
オレ達茶飲み友達じゃないんだから
打ち合わせしてんだから
はいはい
サッカーの××杯は見た？
もちろん
あ 私も♪
私にもしゃべらせろ——っ
きぃぃっ
河方さん オレ達世間話するために集まってんじゃないんだから
ムダ話禁止！
今まで甘やかしすぎたね
どこがしゃくぅぅぅっ

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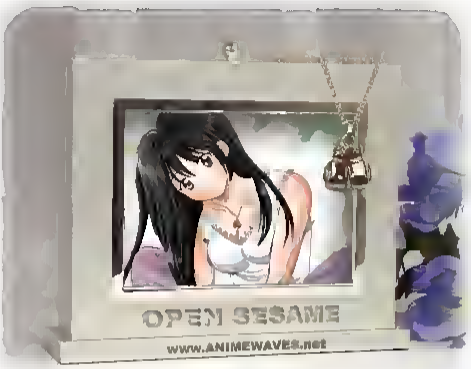

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